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'Obey the rules' plea by Heseltine

Firms begin to drop MPs as advisers

BY ANDREW PIERCE, PHILIP WEBSTER AND ALICE THOMSON

COMPANIES are discarding MPs as advisers because they feel they are no longer worth the money now that Parliament has adopted new rules on members' behaviour.

But as many Conservatives came to terms yesterday with their declining commercial value, others were thinking of ways round the rules or even threatening to defy them. Such MPs were urged to bow to the Commons vote forcing them to disclose their income from consultancies when Michael Heseltine said they should abide by the "spirit and letter" of the new regime.

The Deputy Prime Minister was trying to avoid further embarrassment for the Government after the heavy defeat on Monday over the disclosure of MPs' consultancy fees, but the Tories' morale was at a low ebb as they left for the break before the opening of Parliament next week.

David Mellor was one of the first high-profile casualties of the lobbyists' cutbacks when Shandwick Consultants dispensed with his services. Tom McNally, Shandwick's public affairs director, said: "It was a mutual decision to coincide with the vote on Monday. The arrangement was frankly no longer worth the candle."

The Association of Professional Political Consultants has also banned payments to MPs and their families, and a lobby firm chaired by Lord Parkinson is being wound up because one of its directors could become an MP at the general election.

With political lobbyists severing links with MPs, many



Mellor: an early victim of the new rules

Conservatives fear that trade associations, professional bodies and commercial companies will also ditch them. "I fear our best days are behind us," a former minister said last night.

More worrying for ministers is the threat of some MPs to refuse to admit their outside earnings. Sir Michael Neubert, a member of the 1922 Committee executive, said: "I do have to think very carefully about whether I observe this new rule of the House. It's not the rule of the land."

Others suggested that they would redraw their contracts with companies to conceal large parts of what they earn as being "non-parliamentary", and some spoke of urging their firms to appoint them as non-executive directors to avoid revealing their fees.

But Mr Heseltine, speaking after consulting John Major in Israel, told the Commons: "I can say unreservedly on behalf of the Prime Minister and myself that both of us believe that it is right for all MPs to enter into the spirit and the letter of the decisions that were taken yesterday evening. That was the will of the House."

Mr Major was still being privately accused by Tory MPs of mishandling the issue and was himself understood to feel bruised that his advisers had underestimated the strength of the rebellion.

Labour meanwhile seized on the threat of a Tory backlash to demand that the Nolan Committee investigate the funding of political parties. In the Commons, John Prescott said: "Can't the public know where the Tory party gets its money from? Who has paid for a knighthood, who has bought a peerage and which foreign businessmen have bankrolled the party (before) fleeing the country?"

Tony Blair hailed the vote as a "humiliation of the Conservative party" entirely of its own making and insisted that members must be bound by the rules. "The public will simply find it intolerable that MPs, having voted in the way they did, should then simply ignore that."

The House of Lords, however, rejected a call to follow the Commons and reveal details of payments for consultancies. Peers agreed last night to set up "anti-sleaze" controls banning lobbying and to set up a public register of members' financial interests, but drew the line at disclosing fees.

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SIMON WALKER



David Hockney brandishing a postcard of Fragonard's 'Girl with a Dog' at yesterday's press conference: 'It is very beautiful,' he said

Hockney steps into child-in-the-bath row

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

DAVID HOCKNEY yesterday criticised the laws that led to Julia Somerville, the newsreader, and her partner being arrested over pictures of a girl in the bath.

The artist criticised a politically correct world in which "warm, beautiful" portraits of human beings could be misread as less than innocent images. Without mentioning by name Miss Somerville, who is being investigated by police over the 28 photographs, he attacked Scotland Yard and Boots, the chemists.

A Kodak employee in a Boots store contacted the police over the pictures he was developing. "There is something a bit odd and deeply wrong when somebody is trying to make warm pictures and are questioned by police," mr Hockney said.



Julia Somerville: said to be delighted

Speaking at the Royal Academy at the launch of a retrospective of his drawings, Mr Hockney went on to explain what would result from the widespread imposition of some of the laws involved in the Somerville case: "If they really want to impose them we will have a lot of fun. They would have to start taking a lot of pictures down," he said, adding that MPs were "Philistines who were not concerned with beauty".

He then brandished a "dirty" postcard, an explicit image of a young girl, no more than 13, reclining on a bed in a revealing position. It was painted in 1790 by Fragonard, the French master. Mr Hockney's point was that there are ways and ways of looking at a child.

He said of the painting: "She is 12 or 14 maybe, and in a very provocative pose with a dog. It is very beautiful."

Fragonard was a painter of sentimental subjects; scholars are divided about whether images such as his *Girl with a Dog* were "serious intellectual material", a study of women in all their beauty, or explicitly titillating images.

It was certainly regarded as "sexy" at the time. One scholar said: "This is probably not the best example for Hockney to have chosen. It is not totally innocent."

Julia Somerville, 48, and her partner, Jeremy Dixon, 56, were both said to be delighted at Mr Hockney's comments. Edward Jones, Mr Dixon's partner in their Covent Garden architectural practice, said: "Anyone who supports the plight of my partner is to be welcomed, especially if they have such a reputation as David Hockney, who is a truly fine artist. David Hockney uses his camera extensively in his art."

Mr Jones declined to say on whether he and Mr Dixon were friends with the artist. "This whole subject is sensitive," he said.

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Ministers criticised in Iraq arms case

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was pitched into a second damaging arms-to-Iraq controversy last night after the Court of Appeal quashed the convictions of four businessmen because vital documents had been withheld from the defence.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled that the failure of ministers to disclose papers requested by lawyers for four men involved in the arms firm Ordtec had prevented them from mounting a proper defence at their trial in 1992.

He ruled that their convictions for breaching an arms embargo to Iraq were not "safe and satisfactory" after documents from the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and the Security Services were produced showing wide knowledge and complicity across Whitehall of the arms trade with Baghdad. Public interest immunity certificates preventing government documents which could have cleared the men being disclosed at the original trial were signed by Kenneth Baker, the former Home Secretary, and Peter Lilley, then Trade and Industry Secretary and now at the Department of Social Security.

Both men also signed immunity certificates in the Matrix Churchill case, the subject of Sir Richard Scott's inquiry into arms sales to Iraq which is expected to force ministerial resignations when it reports early next year.

When the Ordtec appeal was launched earlier this year fresh immunity certificates were signed by Douglas Hurd, then Foreign Secretary, and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. Most of the documents were later disclosed voluntarily or by order of the appeal judges.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, said yesterday the Government would await the findings of the Scott inquiry, which was examining both the Ordtec and Matrix Churchill cases.

Mr Heseltine acknowledged the Ordtec verdict spelt further trouble: "It is a very serious situation. The issues raised by the Ordtec decision are within the view of Lord Justice Scott and we know that he intends to deal with it in his

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The Ghost Road: a tale of the trenches

Pat Barker is Booker winner

BY DALYA ALBERGE AND EMMA WILKINS

PAT BARKER last night unexpectedly beat off Salman Rushdie, the hottest favourite for years, to win the 1995 Booker Prize for *The Ghost Road*, a story of death and sex in the trenches.

The 53-year-old novelist was the only woman on the shortlist for the £20,000 award. The decision confirmed the Booker's capacity to surprise: Rushdie had been widely expected to win with *The Moor's Last Sigh*, and Martin Amis failed to make the shortlist of five rather than six books.

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Witness's collapse halts West trial

BY BILL FROST AND RICHARD DUCE

ROSEMARY WEST'S trial was halted suddenly yesterday when the final witness in the case collapsed after telling jurors that Frederick West had a pact with his wife that he alone would take the blame.

Janet Leach, 39, a mother of five, had been appointed as a lay observer, or "appropriate adult", to represent West's interests after his arrest. Mrs Leach suffered a stroke last year after sitting through more than 80 interviews between West and detectives and having private conversations with him in his cell.

Mr Justice Mantell told the jury that after the lunchtime break she had fallen sick and could neither speak nor move her legs. Later, she was said to be in a satisfactory condition at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester where she was being kept for observation.

Mrs Leach had told the court that she had been devastated by some of West's disclosures, but had not wanted him to see how upset she was. She told the court that West had told her "he would take the blame for everything ... he and Rosemary had entered into a pact and Rosemary would never say anything."

West had told her that what he was telling the police was "not totally the truth". She told Winchester Crown Court: "He told me that in confidence, and that it would all come out eventually and he was protecting Rose." After living with his confession, Mrs Leach, who had made an agreement not to disclose West's conversations with her, suffered a stroke in June last year.

She was called by the prosecution to counter evidence used by the defence taken from interview tapes in which West said he had been acting alone. After West's suicide in Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, on New Year's Day, Mrs Leach took advice from a solicitor on the confidentiality issue. She then told the police about West's confession.

Giving evidence yesterday, Mrs Leach appeared extremely distressed and was often close to tears.

After the lunch adjournment, the judge said: "This is very serious and at the same time very unfortunate. The lady giving evidence has been taken ill.

"I know that an ambulance has been summoned. You were told this morning that she suffered a stroke and at the moment she can neither speak nor move her legs. Let us hope it is not what we fear it might be." The judge added: "For the time being, we cannot continue."

Mrs Leach's collapse meant that Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, was unable to conclude his cross-examination. The jury was told to return as normal today.

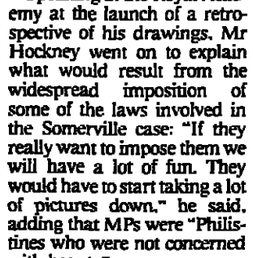
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Rabin shrines desecrated

Some of the impromptu shrines erected in Israel in memory of Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Prime Minister, have been desecrated.

Israel radio reported that a street memorial in a suburb of Tel Aviv had been set on fire, memorial posters had been slashed and schoolchildren had cheered in class when the news of his death was announced..... **Page 13**

Stone Age animal carvings saved

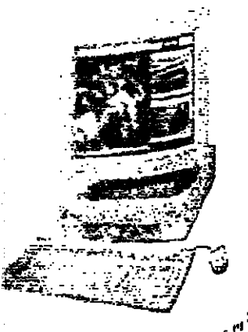


The new Portuguese Government halted work on a dam, saving the world's largest collection of Stone Age engravings at Foz Côa, in northeast Portugal. An art expert said the role of *The Times* had been crucial. Animals illustrated include oxen, horses and goats..... **Page 13**

French reshuffle

The French Cabinet was reshuffled by Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, who had formally offered his Government's resignation. President Chirac immediately reappointed him..... **Page 12**

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Ultrasonic lion king roars again and puts little creatures to flight

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

KIDNEY stones? What kidney stones? The lion king has recovered his roar. Michael Heseltine, deputising for John Major at PM's Questions yesterday, threw back his mane and sent dozens of the smaller creatures of the forest scurrying for cover back into the undergrowth.

The Deputy Prime Minister warmed up only gradually. Challenged by Sir Teddy Taylor (C, Southend East) to admit that European monetary policy was wrecking continental economies, Mr Heseltine was at his most avuncular. He managed to choose from Sir Teddy's remarks something with which it was possible to agree (always a challenge) and commended this.

To Nigel Evans, an energetic Tory poodle from Wales who had asked the Prime Minister to state his engagements for the day, Heseltine explained that Mr Major was away ("As far away as possible!" shouted one Labour backbencher).

Evans then offered a simpering invitation to the Deputy PM to recoil at "the stench of humbug" from union-sponsored Labour MPs during the Nolan debate.

In reply, Mr Heseltine offered a defence of the Prime Minister's attitude to the Nolan inquiry. This was an apologia for Major which it would be unfair to call lacklustre and which was better than faltering, but which to call "robust" might *very* slightly overstate. Was he, anxious friends wondered, still troubled by those kidney stones reported some weeks ago?

John Prescott (Tony Blair's deputy) rose, to test Mr Heseltine's health. Mr Prescott is a test of anybody's health. In buccaneering form, the Humberside MP bellowed that the Prime Minister and his Deputy were completely out of step with public opinion.

Did they share his "outrage" at rumours that some Tory backbenchers might refuse to disclose their earnings from consultancies?

Heseltine began his build-up deceptively. Why, yes, of course, he said. Members must obey the rules. There followed what from anyone else would be called a nano-second's pause and from Prescott an astonishing silence. The Mouth of the Humber then articulated a demand for disclosure of the sources of Tory party funding. The Deputy PM should "come clean", he declared.

Heseltine came more than clean, he came deafening: Labour wanted "one-track" MPs, "*totally* behoven to their party whips". That was pretty rich from the Deputy Leader of the most totalitarian party in history, and the Opposition jeered.

But jeers are to Heseltine what cocaine is to the addict: his nostrils flared, his eyes blazed and he launched (after another prod from Prescott) into a prolonged roar about Labour's "sleazy politics ... *sold out* to the trades unions ... *sold out* ..." and on he yelled, John Prescott gesticulating at him to turn down the volume, wretched Tory backbenchers cheering in gratitude at this small rallying of morale.

He bowed out to a smashing pay-off line. Challenged over the cost of his new post, Heseltine boasted about a billion pounds' investment secured for the North East. "I'm cheap at the price!" he shouted, to cheers, as they rung down the curtains. Colleagues with direct experience of kidney stones say that the pain is awful but that there is now an alternative to invasive surgery: a treatment called "ultrasound".

A beam of intense noise is directed at the offending pebble, breaking it up. Has anyone considered the use of acoustic baffles to bounce Heseltine's own speeches in a concentrated stream directed at his own kidneys? His speeches break rocks.

No stone would stand a chance.

Divorcing couples will not be forced into mediation

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

DIVORCING couples will not be forced into mediation under the Government's proposals to reform the divorce laws, the Lord Chancellor said last night.

In his first speech since it was disclosed that his disputed reforms are expected to be in the Queen's Speech, Lord Mackay of Clashfern added that he would not be cutting lawyers out of the divorce process.

Nor, he told the Solicitors Family Law Association, would he be denying legal aid to anyone who refused to go through the mediation process.

"People will not be forced to mediate," Lord Mackay said. "They will be encouraged to give mediation a fair chance as an option for resolving the issues, but only if it is the best way for these problems to be resolved. By definition mediation cannot be forced upon unwilling participants."

Lord Mackay, clearly seeking to allay some of the legal profession's main concerns, added that mediators could not take the place of lawyers.

"No one who requires such legal help will be denied that help, provided they meet the usual eligibility tests for that help." Legal aid, he added, would be available in situations where mediation was not appropriate.

"The important factor will be for clients to receive the right professional assistance at the right time, whether from lawyers, mediators or marriage guidance counsellors."

Lord Mackay dismissed fears that his proposals would lead to a two-tier system in which more affluent individuals used lawyers while others were forced to use mediation. The proposals contained a presumption in favour of mediation, which meant it should be considered in all but the most urgent cases before litigation was started.

But he added: "Clearly there will be cases where the breakdown of the marriage has been too painful for couples to negotiate in this way and legal aid will be available in situations where mediation is not appropriate".

The Lord Chancellor went on to make what some took as a key concession: the scrapping of the idea that everyone embarking on divorce should attend a compulsory information session.

This has been attacked, most recently by Martin Mears, the President of the Law Society, as likely to involve a kind of "public Alcoholics Anonymous" session where people from all walks of life would be obliged to attend and reveal their marital difficulties.

Lord Mackay suggested that instead information could be provided via a video, to be viewed privately, backed up with a telephone inquiry service to the people offering the various marriage guidance services.

He added that he would wish to test out various options in a pilot study before full arrangements came into play.

Lord Mackay, looking tired after the battles with Cabinet colleagues and MPs over the past two weeks, added: "It is not without a great deal of thought and soul searching that I have brought forward these proposals.

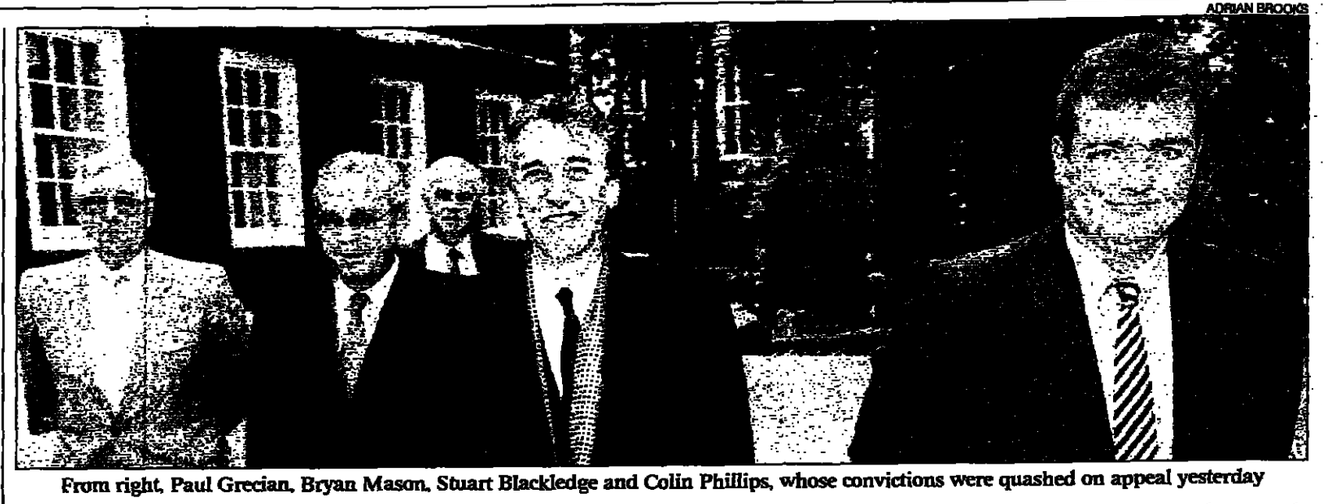
"In all my self-examination, I have not been satisfied in the least that retention of fault, in the legal evidential sense, does or can support the institution of marriage."

He added that almost no one had anything good to say about the present method of dissolving marriages. Even his critics acknowledged the existing situation was fundamentally unsatisfactory and did little to ease the destruction and misery of divorce.

He emphasised that neither these reforms nor his plans to overhaul the legal aid scheme, were directed at cost cutting. The divorce proposals were aimed at helping families experiencing a marriage breakdown.

"I believe the proposed changes are for the good and will make for a better divorce system," he said.

ADRIAN BROOKS



From right, Paul Grecian, Bryan Mason, Stuart Blackledge and Colin Phillips, whose convictions were quashed on appeal yesterday

Arms-case businessmen's conviction quashed

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report." The Opposition immediately called for heads to roll.

Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, said: "Once again ministers have been caught out trying to cover up their role in the supply or arms to Iraq. None of these businessmen would have been convicted in the first place if ministers had not abused their power by placing gagging orders before the courts."

Mr Cook demanded that the Scott inquiry report should draft strict new rules on the use of immunity certificates by ministers.

Lawyers for the four businessmen said last night they were considering suing the Government for compensation. They estimate the costs of the case to the taxpayer to be "not far short of a million pounds".

Paul Grecian, the Ordtec managing director, together with Bryan Mason, technical manager, and Stuart Blackledge, a project engineer, received a suspended one-year jail sentence in February 1992 for selling 300,000 artillery fuses to the Saddam regime on an export licence which listed Jordan as the end-user. A fourth man, Colin Phillips, was fined.

Officials from the Scott inquiry were present in court and said afterwards that their report would contain a full account of the Ordtec affair. They admitted that it was an "open secret" that Sir Richard Scott's report would be highly critical of the Government's role.

Sir Richard's inquiry has spent three years examining the role of government ministers and officials in the Matrix Churchill trial, which collapsed for similar reasons.

Lord Taylor quoted from a telegram from the British Embassy in Amman, the Jordanian capital, to the Foreign Office which said that the British ambassador believed Whitehall had turned a "blind eye" to the use of Jordan as a front for Iraqi arms procurement.

If the ambassador was of that opinion, "might not a jury reach the same conclusion?", Lord Taylor asked in the course of a 20-page judgement.

Mr Grecian, whose business collapsed as a result of the trial, claimed that he had supplied the security services with information about Iraqi arms procurement, including the first tip-off that President Saddam Hussein was constructing a "super gun". The Lord Chief Justice found that there had been "sustained contact" with MI5 and MI6 through Detective Constable Wilkinson, a Special Branch "controller".

The extent of these contacts had not been disclosed at the trial and Lord Taylor said that they "may well have influenced a jury".

All four men pleaded guilty but claimed they entered pleas under duress from the Government, which was unwilling to admit its own involvement. The judgement accepted that the guilty pleas had been made under pressure.

Boss likely to sue Government

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON

PAUL GRECIAN, the former Ordtec managing director cleared by the Court of Appeal yesterday, said that the "five-year legal nightmare" had cost him his livelihood.

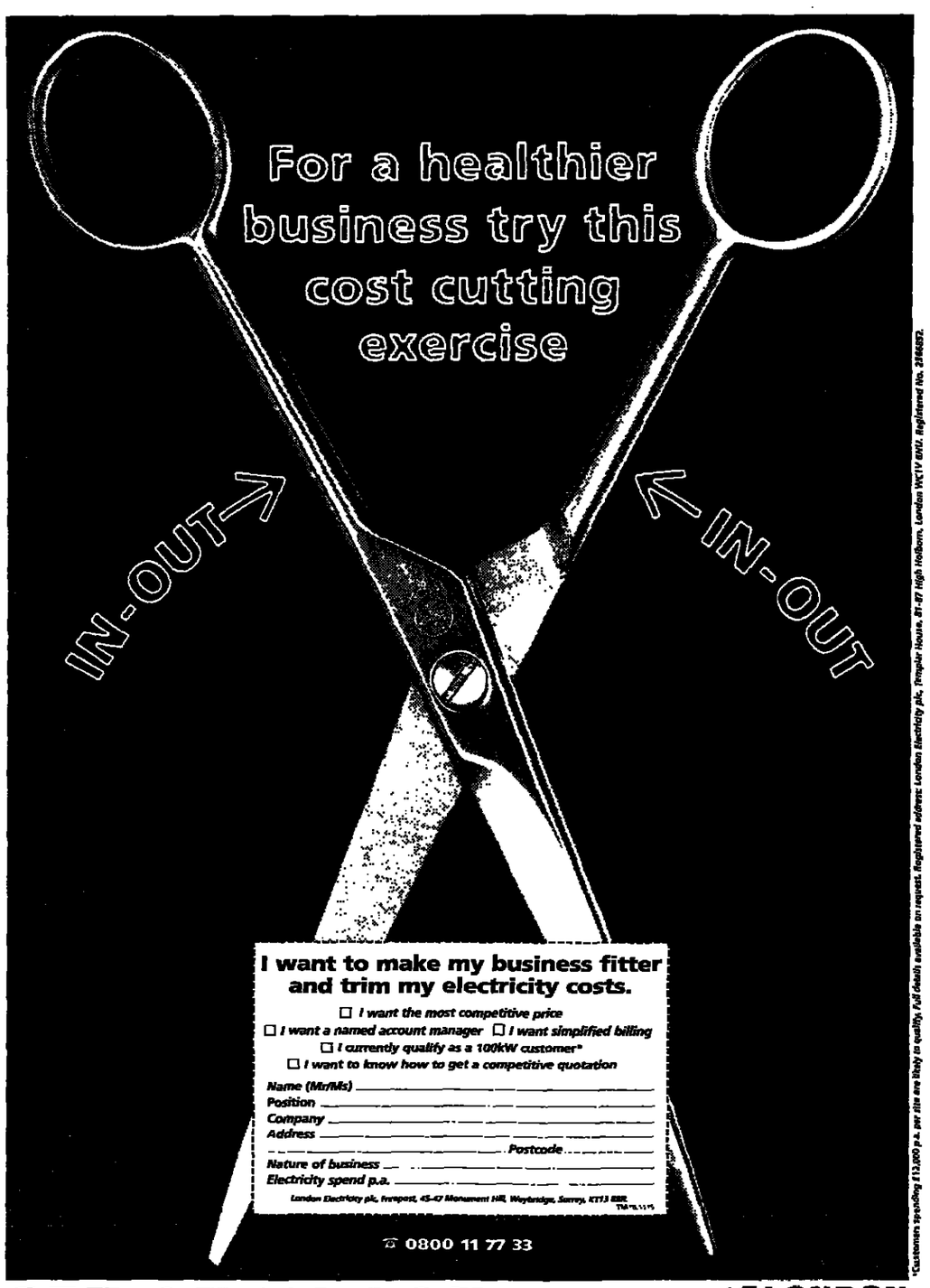
He is likely to sue the Government for compensation for the collapse of his company.

Mr Grecian said, however, that he was not bitter. "It's a sorry mess, the overall picture. But it is what we have come to expect."

He faces an additional problem in that the American authorities are seeking to extradite him for alleged illegal arms sales to Iraq. Kevin Robinson, Mr Grecian's solicitor, said: "We hope to sort that one out in the next couple of days in the light of the appeal court judgment."

Bryan Mason, the technical manager at Ordtec, was also left without a job as a result of the court case, as was Stuart Blackledge, the project engineer.

Colin Phillips, who worked for EC Transport, the shipping agency that arranged the transport of the artillery fuses via Jordan, said: "It has all been very stressful. At one point I thought I was going to be in prison when my baby was born."



Curbs on security guards must wait

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD has rejected cross-party calls for an early overhaul of the private security industry and has told senior Tories that there is no prospect of a Bill being introduced in the next session of Parliament.

Proposals for firms to be registered, and for a licensing system to prevent convicted criminals working as security guards, are unlikely to become law before a general election.

Home Office officials say that Mr Howard is worried over proposals to allow private companies access to national criminal records as a way of vetting employees. The Home Secretary is also concerned about protests from civil liberties campaigners if security staff are not protected by laws that prevent disclosure of some past convictions.

Mr Howard will reply shortly to a detailed report by the Home Affairs Select Committee, which pressed for urgent changes to curb widespread abuses.

The industry has doubled in size over the past 20 years and MPs have received complaints about companies employing staff with convictions for violence, offering private security contracts to homes and businesses. In one case, a guard for a security firm was found to be an escaped prisoner serving a sentence for murder.

The MPs said that employees should be licensed and that statutory regulations were needed for the contract guarding sector.

Mr Howard's best hope of introducing changes would have been within a crime Bill but, in the absence of such a piece of legislation in the coming session, there is little possibility of new laws being introduced under the wing of other Home Office legislation. A private member's Bill is unlikely to be backed.

Alun Michael, Labour's home affairs spokesman, said: "Proper protection of the public requires statutory regulation of the private security industry."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Minister shelves sale of Dover harbour

The sale of the port of Dover has been postponed by Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, but he confirmed yesterday that the privatisation of Ipswich and Tyne ports would go ahead despite local opposition.

Sir George said the sale of Dover would be put on hold for at least two years until the impact of the Channel Tunnel on the ferry industry became clearer. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Dame Vera Lynn were among those who voiced concern about the sell-off.

Sea search called off

A search for three fishermen whose boat sank in unexplained circumstances in the Bristol Channel on Monday was called off last night. No survivors have been found. The three are Peter Smith, 39, of St Just, Cornwall, the skipper, married with a five-year-old son, and Paul Bennett, 35, and his brother Tim, 31, both single, from Penzance.

Chris Evans censured



The Radio 1 disc jockey Chris Evans, right, abused his position as a broadcaster by urging listeners to boycott Shell petrol stations, BBC governors have ruled. Mr Evans was reacting in June to the oil company's plans, later reversed, to dump the Brent Spar at sea. The governors concluded that his remark was ill-judged, even though it had been made in a light-hearted and bantering tone.

Lawyers abandon trial

Lawyers representing four men accused of being involved in the murder of Margaret Wilson, who was battered and shot by a mob at a loyalist drinking den, walked out of the trial yesterday. The QCs, their juniors and solicitors gave no reason for their decision. Lord Justice Nicholson adjourned the case at Belfast Crown Court until tomorrow.

Selfish society alert

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, painted a depressing picture last night of a breakdown of communities leading to a "something-for-nothing, me-first society". In a lecture to an east London charity, he gave warning of a growing culture of selfishness and called for a new balance between giving and taking. Put the heart back, page 16

Mini wins accolade

A panel from the specialist motoring magazine *Autocar* last night chose the Mini as the car of the century. Michael Harvey, the Editor, said: "What better car to win than the Mini, a stroke of genius that changed family cars for ever." The panel's motoring man of the century was Enzo Ferrari, the celebrated sports car maker.

Wilson leaves his archive to nation

BY ALAN HAMILTON

LORD WILSON of Rievaulx left his entire archive of political papers to Baroness Falkender, his former political secretary and close confidante, it was disclosed in his will published yesterday.

But unlike the Churchill archive, Lord Wilson's papers cannot be sold. Lady Falkender is acting only as literary executor: the documents will belong to a charitable trust and will be permanently available to researchers at their new home in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

Lord Wilson, who died in May aged 79, left estate valued at £490,992 net, largely accounted for by his apartment near Victoria station in London. Probate has been granted to Lady Wilson and their sons Robin and Giles.

According to the terms of his will, Lord Wilson left "his political papers, correspondence, speeches and memoranda and all rights therein" to Lady Falkender. The papers are being moved from London to the Bodleian.

A spokesman for Goodman Derrick, his solicitors, said yesterday that the arrangement would give effect to his wish that the papers be kept as part of the national heritage, and be available for research.

The will discloses that Lord Wilson was far from being a rich man. In his later years he survived on a prime ministerial pension of £36,000, of which Lady Wilson now receives only half. Since her husband's death the government has bent the rules and allowed her to keep the use of a ministerial car and chauffeur.

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Flamboyant editor died of cocaine overdose

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MICHAEL VERMEULEN, the flamboyant and fast-living editor of the men's magazine *GQ*, died from a massive cocaine overdose, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr VerMeulen, 38, of Islington, northeast London, was taken to Whittington Hospital on August 29 when a woman friend noticed he had vomited in his sleep and could not wake him. He was pronounced dead. His heart had stopped after taking twice the lethal level of the drug, Dr David Brown, a pathologist, told St Pancras Coroner's Court.

Daniele Minns, a musician, had spent the previous night with the editor and said he had drunk wine, beer and brandy. She assumed he had taken cannabis when he told her he had smoked a drug but insisted she had no idea that he had snorted cocaine.

Miss Minns said she had been a close friend of Mr VerMeulen for nearly a year and saw him about once a week. "He was lots of fun, generous and warm," she said, adding that he was not particularly depressed.

Detective Constable Nigel Taylor searched Mr VerMeulen's flat and that of his neighbour, where he had watched television with Miss Minns. No drug-taking paraphernalia was found and although there was a small quantity of cannabis in his kitchen, there were no traces of cocaine.

Asked by Dr Stephen Chan, the coroner, if it was possible Miss Minns had tidied up before the police arrived, he said: "I always keep an open mind."

Constable Taylor interviewed friends and colleagues of Mr VerMeulen and said: "The impression I get is that the gentleman had a very active life. He worked very hard and played very hard as well. It was generally known that he smoked cannabis, but nothing more than that."

Dr Chan commented: "I understand the deceased was a person who had a big appetite for work and play, living life in the fast lane for the moment. To colleagues he may have been a larger than life hero but others may have looked at him in a less complimentary light.

"He was very popular in the various clubs he belonged to. He worked very long hours and was generally thought to be a man about town and a heavy drinker. He could hold his drink well and would consume a bottle of wine, several Martini cocktails and brandies on a daily basis."

Dr Brown said half the amount of cocaine that the American-born editor had consumed could be fatal. He explained the drug could cause spasms in the blood vessels to the heart. He gave the cause of death as cocaine overdose.

Recording a verdict of death by misadventure, Dr Chan said: "All the evidence satisfies me entirely that the consideration of a suicide verdict is totally inappropriate.

"There is no evidence that the deceased used cocaine regularly or habitually but I am satisfied he was conscious of what he was doing on that fatal morning. This rather excessive level pushed him beyond his physical tolerance, ending in tragedy."

The coroner added: "It is a matter of regret I have to reiterate yet again in this court the dangers of drug usage that so often leads to tragedy and premature death."



VerMeulen: death by misadventure



SIMON WALKER

Pat Barker's novel combines real-life characters with a shell-shocked soldier-hero

Booker winner inspired by war memories

BY DANIEL JOHNSON, LITERARY EDITOR

PAT BARKER'S novel *The Ghost Road*, winner of the 1995 Booker Prize, is the culmination of a First World War trilogy in which the poets Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon are among several historical figures who make brief appearances.

It provides a broad panorama of life and death, with grisly depictions of trench warfare, shell-shocked survivors and the drab home front, enlivened by the erotic adventures of Billy Prior, its bisexual soldier-hero.

Miss Barker, 52, is an historian by training and had two children before deciding to become a full-time writer. Her interest in the war was stimulated by her grandfather's traumatic memories, and — unusually in a work of fiction — she adds a reading list for those who wish to know more about her sources.

She began the sequence with *Regeneration* in 1991 and continued with *The Eye in the Door* two years later. These novels introduced the real-life character of William Rivers, an army psychiatrist and friend of Sassoon, who is the most sympathetic figure in *The Ghost Road*: he tries unsuccessfully to persuade Billy Prior not to return to the Western Front after he is invalided out with shell-shock.

At various points in the narrative, Rivers, a former anthropologist, recalls his experiences with Melanesian natives and reflects on the ritual of headhunting, which the British colonists had sought to stamp out. Miss Barker's husband is an anthropologist and she was able to draw on his knowledge to enrich her novel with this stark contrast to European attitudes to death.

The most controversial aspect of *The Ghost Road* is not the depictions of violence, which are realistic but not overdone, but the sex scenes. These will strike some readers as unnecessarily detailed, even pornographic.

Derwent May commented in his *Times* review: "Few women can have imagined their way into the male sex organ more thoroughly than Miss Barker, and she follows Prior's into many and varied places."

However, Prior's rather brutish attitude to his sexual partners is an integral part of his damaged personality, and hence colours the entire novel.

The novel ends in the last days of the war, and it is clear that any victory will be hollow for those who survive. But the deeper message of Pat Barker's remarkable trilogy is that war, and the qualities that it brings out in men, are an essential facet of the human condition, a dark, primordial force in our nature that is not to be denied.

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Hormone drug 'drove champion to suicide'

BY JOHN GOODBODY

A FORMER European women's bodybuilding champion killed herself because she could not cope with the devastating physical effects caused by anabolic steroid abuse, an inquest was told yesterday.

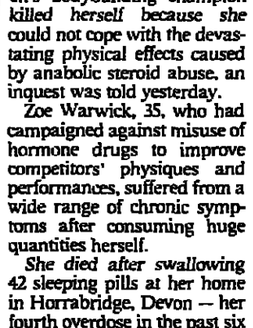
Zoe Warwick, 35, who had campaigned against misuse of hormone drugs to improve competitors' physiques and performances, suffered from a wide range of chronic symptoms after consuming huge quantities herself.

She died after swallowing 42 sleeping pills at her home in Horrabridge, Devon — her fourth overdose in the past six years. Brian Hall-Tomkin, the coroner at Tavistock, recorded a verdict of suicide.

Miss Sanae Furiya, her companion for the past four years, said that Miss Warwick, a former RAF PT instructor, had admitted using anabolic steroids between 1985 and 1988, when she was ranked fourth in the world as a female bodybuilder. She began taking drugs after a trip to the United States.

Miss Furiya said her friend admitted taking 30 times the clinical dosage, causing "disablement, problems of nausea and vertigo and many other problems. Her personality was also affected."

Miss Warwick suffered liver and pancreatic problems, stomach haemorrhages, skin rashes, amnesia, loss of teeth and hair, and was excessively aggressive.



Warwick: was rated fourth in the world

Driver who killed boys is fined £200

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A DRIVER who killed two teenage boys when he fell asleep and swerved into a group of army cadets was fined £200 yesterday after pleading guilty to driving without due care and attention. The charge was condemned by the families of his two victims, Gareth Horton, 14, and Gavin Parsons, 17.

Leslie Parsons, 52, a lorry driver, said "In my opinion he should have been charged at least with causing death by dangerous driving. I always stop when I feel tired. It is the law for HGV drivers. There should be a similar law for car drivers."

David Horton, 44, also a lorry driver, attacked a system that he said allowed a driver to "get off" with a fine for causing the deaths of two boys. "I am absolutely devastated. My boy's life seems to be worth just £100." He said they were considering further legal action.

Magistrates at Pontefract, West Yorkshire, heard that James Inglis, 52, had fallen asleep on his way home from a 12-hour shift in a tractor factory in February. He had been working the shifts for a fortnight to pay for his daughter's wedding in Kenya. He was also fined £360, with £50 costs, for having no insurance and had his licence endorsed with eight penalty points. As sentence was passed Mr Horton shouted at him "It's not over yet, you murderer."

Outside court, Inglis of South Kirkby, West Yorkshire, said the accident had "shattered" him. "I don't think I shall ever drive again. I can understand the families' grief and anger. I'm so sorry. I don't know what else to say."

Gavin and Gareth were walking home with two friends from a cadet meeting in their home town of South Elmsall when Inglis's saloon veered on to the pavement and hit them.

Thomas Klouda, prosecuting, said that they and their friend Timothy Benwinter, 16, were walking behind another cadet. "The car mounted the pavement, just missing him, but colliding with the three friends before striking the wall and overturning." Timothy was in hospital for several days with serious injuries.

Gordon Richardson, in mitigation, said Inglis was facing a charge of careless driving because he was not speeding and the manner of his driving had been good before he fell asleep. He told the magistrates: "Your responsibility is to judge this defendant as to the quality of his driving that night and not the terrible consequence of it."

Jilted lover 'injected with HIV'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A JILTED woman injected her sleeping lover with a syringe of her HIV-contaminated blood as a "surprise present" to mark their break-up, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Rhena Ndagga, 25, could not accept it when David Kabagwire, 28, a fellow Ugandan immigrant, told her he had met someone else.

Her victim, the court was told, has proved negative in three blood tests taken since the attack in May but could not yet be regarded as "completely in the clear". The couple had always had protected sex.

In May this year, Miss Ndagga, of Barking, east London, told her lover that she had been told by immigration officials to leave the country. "She said rather ominously that she had a present for him," Garrett Byrne, for the prosecution, said.

In bed that night he awoke to a sharp pain in his left shoulder. Miss Ndagga told him she must have scratched him with her fingernail.

The following day as Mr Kabagwire bent down to look for a briefcase at her flat he felt a sharp pain in one of his buttocks. "She said she had injected him that morning but had only put in a quarter of the blood so she had done it again. She said he would now be ill as well as her."

Mr Byrne added: "She said this was the surprise present."

Miss Ndagga has denied maliciously administering a poison — namely her blood — to endanger life or inflict grievous bodily harm. She has also pleaded not guilty to alternative charges of administering blood with intent to injure, aggrieve and annoy, and to attempted grievous bodily harm.

The trial continues.



Time is precious to George Schaller. No wonder he measures it so carefully.

Seventeen thousand feet up on the Tibetan Plateau is the Chang Tang, or Northern Plain. Rolling away to the horizon, its immensity is broken only by snow capped ranges. Here the snow leopard stalks; yaks and antelope migrate over unknown paths.

Although this region is extremely remote, its wildlife is already in danger through man's encroachment.

George Schaller, science director of The Wildlife Conservation Society, decided that immediate action was necessary. And so he embarked on a race against time. Accompanied by Rolex.

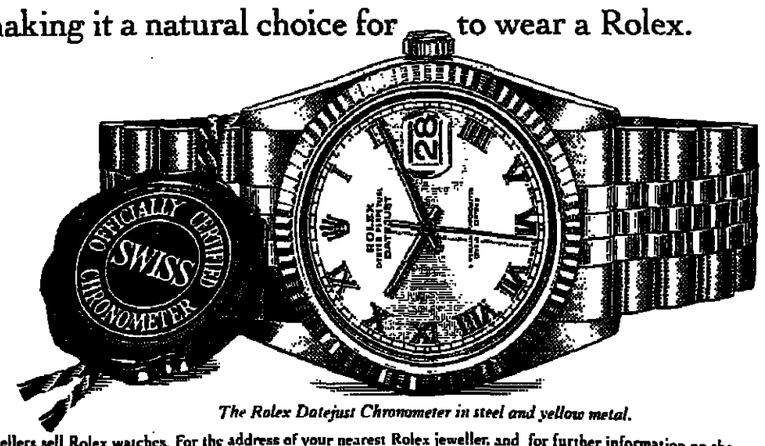
The dependability of a Rolex is legendary, making it a natural choice for climates and terrains as rugged as those of Tibet.

So far it seems the race against time is being won. Schaller and his Chinese and Tibetan colleagues have helped the government of China establish a huge reserve that covers 300,000 square kilometres, an area large enough even to allow for the migrations of the Tibetan antelopes and yaks.

"If we don't protect the Chang Tang now, the magnificent species found here could soon vanish forever," Schaller says.

Faced with a project this important, the right equipment is vital. No wonder George Schaller has chosen to wear a Rolex.

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Nuclear scientists sniff out bogus wines

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

SCIENTISTS at Harwell, the nuclear research centre in Oxfordshire, are using the world's most sensitive analytical instrument to unmask wines that pretend to be what they are not.

Tiny traces of metals picked up by the vines from the soil can be detected in the wine, and used to identify its origins. The method has been used in France but the new Harwell instrument is ten times more sensitive.

The team has been surprised at the huge differences between Chianti, Côtes du Rhône and Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon. The metals hafnium and zirconium can be detected in some wines, but not others.

"What we need to do is to confirm that all samples of a given wine have the same trace elements," said Roger Brown of the analytical division at AEA Technology. "Then we could use it as a test for wine shippers or supermarkets worried they are being defrauded by their suppliers."

The machine is capable of detecting less than ten parts per million billion of some metals — equivalent to one milligram in 100,000 tonnes. Made by Fisons Instruments, of Winsford, Cheshire, it can detect trace elements in materials used to make semiconductors.

The machine, a high-resolution inductively coupled mass spectrometer, determines the mass of each fragment in any sample, enabling it to be identified.

Besides testing wines, it could also be used to detect fraudulent perfumes, coffee and mineral water, or monitor the levels of pollutants in rainwater. AEA Technology, a spin-off from the Atomic Energy Authority, is a company providing science and engineering know-how to many industries.

Products containing pesticide are to be withdrawn from general use 'as a precaution'

Cancer study halts sale of shampoos used to kill lice

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

SHAMPOOS and lotions containing a chemical used widely to treat head lice are to be withdrawn from sale because of cancer fears. Supplies of some gardening and farming products will also be restricted because they contain the same pesticide.

Dr Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer, said studies on rats and mice showed that prolonged exposure to high doses of carbaryl could cause cancer. The chemical is not absorbed through the skin, however, and medical experts believe any risk would come only if it entered the mouth.

From January 1, pharmaceutical products containing the chemical will be available only on prescription. Until then, pharmacists have been instructed to advise patients to choose another product or consult their doctor. Each year, three million children use treatments for head lice.

Pesticides containing carbaryl for gardens and farms will be restricted to professional use. Supplies are to be stopped immediately and retailers will have one year to sell or dispose of their stock. Products affected include Murphy Lawn Pest Killer, Fisons Water-On Lawn Pest Killer, Autumn and Winter Toplawn made by Pan Britannica Industries, and Levington Water-On Lawn Pest Killer.



Human head louse: resistance increasing

The continued use of carbaryl in flea collars for dogs and cats and in animal shampoos is being considered by the Government's Veterinary Products Committee.

Dr Calman said there were no known cases of cancer in humans caused by carbaryl, despite the fact that it had been available for 40 years. There was no reason for parents who had used it on their children to worry. "This is not a cancer scare. It is a precautionary measure based on a theoretical risk from animal studies."

All doctors and pharmacists were alerted to the risk yesterday by letter and electronic mail. The letter lists preparations containing carbaryl as: Carylderm lotion and shampoo, Clinicide lotion, Derbac-C lotion and shampoo and Suleo-C lotion and shampoo. Users who want to dispose of the products are advised to bag them and put with their rubbish rather than pour them down the sink.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society, the professional body for pharmacists, said it would be advising its 39,000 members to stop counter sales of head lice products containing carbaryl immediately.

Patients will be advised to switch to products containing other insecticides — malathion, permethrin and phenothrin. A review published in the *British Medical Journal* last September found that only permethrin was of proven effectiveness against head lice. Lotions are better than shampoos because they stay on the head longer.

Dr Calman said that studies in America seven years ago had suggested a possible link between carbaryl and cancer, but the studies were inadequate to warrant further action. New findings emerged from animal studies conducted for the French-American makers of carbaryl, Rhone Poulenc, which has a plant in Dagenham, east London. Companies are legally obliged to inform the Government if a problem is discovered concerning a pesticide.

The information was considered by the Government's Committee on Carcinogenicity. The tests on animals were over a prolonged period and the doses used were very much higher than the intermittent use of a shampoo containing carbaryl. Any risk to humans was "likely to be exceedingly small". The Committee on Safety of Medicines, which also studied the evidence, decided that carbaryl could remain available on prescription because it was broken down by the liver into different substances from those produced in animals. Also, lice have developed resistance to some insecticides.

Products not containing carbaryl include Derbac-M, Prioderm lotion/shampoo and Suleo-M (active ingredient: malathion); Lyclear Creme Rinse (active ingredient: permethrin); Full Marks (active ingredient: phenothrin).

Shampoo first appeared in the late 19th century, but came into general popular use only in the 1950s. The term shampoo is derived from champo, a word in Hindi meaning "to massage" or "to knead".

MARTIN BEDDALL



Brands of anti-lice treatments containing carbaryl that have been banned

Playground scourge that never went away

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

HEAD lice used to be as inescapable as death or taxes. Tenacious and nearly invisible, they live by sucking blood from the scalp. Autumn is the worst season for head lice and primary schools their main hunting grounds.

Although claims of an epidemic are often made, there are only about 50,000 to 60,000 reported new cases a year in Britain, compared with three million 25 years ago, according to Dr John Maunder of the Medical Entomology Centre at Cambridge.

Lice cannot fly, jump or swim and soon die once they lose contact with their host. They are spread by direct head contact, which must be quite prolonged, or by sharing combs or headgear; children between the ages of six and seven are the most vulnerable. Most catch their lice at home, Dr Maunder says, from adults who are infected without even being aware of it.

Head lice live for about a month and in that time females produce up to 90 eggs, which cling tightly to the hair shaft. These white eggs are the "nits", which are often the first evidence of infection.

Lice can carry disease, though this is very unlikely in British conditions. Their presence often goes undetected for several weeks until an allergic reaction causes scratching. "If you have enough lice for long enough, you can feel lousy," Dr Maunder says. "Children at school who couldn't concentrate and fell behind because of lice used to be called nitwits, shortened to twits. But most infections these days have trivial effects on health."

Claims of a new larger breed of louse are unsubstantiated. "Lice are rather like dogs. They come in all different sizes," Dr Maunder says.

They could be eradicated, given adequate organisation. Some health districts have done much better than others. Dr Maunder singles out Northumberland as a good example. "The last survey they did, they found only about five cases in the entire county," he says.

Hard-to-spot pest is no respecter of social status



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Nurses who remain unmoved as guts are unravelled before them sometimes turn pale when asked to look under a microscope at a louse picked off their patient's skin or scalp.

The idea of someone harbouring creeping, crawling parasites is unpleasant, but head lice are a problem shared by all classes — whether the host is at Eton or at the toughest comprehensive in London's East End. A louse simply needs blood to survive, and it knows that blue blood is just as nutritious as any other.

Regular combing of the hair and frequent hair washing helps, but will not necessarily keep lice at bay. Sharing combs and brushes, be it at a primary school or a smart London club, is hazardous and they should be washed frequently in very hot water to remove eggs sticking to the bristles and teeth.

Lice, small insects that live on and feed off the scalp, are not easy to find as they are well camouflaged. But the eggs — the nits — attached to hairs close to the scalp are more easily spotted. Children are more easily infected than women, and women more easily than men.

An application of an appropriate lotion should soon rid the family of their unwelcome guests. The usual regime is to apply the lotion to the head and to leave it on for at least 12 hours before washing the hair and combing it with a fine-tooth comb, so as to remove dead lice and the nits. Shampoos are often considered an easier and more pleasant way of treating the lice, but in this form the insecticide may be too dilute to be effective. The removal of carbaryl from the doctor's and the school nurse's armoury of drugs against lice is no more than an inconvenience. Other well-known insecticides — malathion, lindane, permethrin and phenothrin — are available.

Lindane, which has also been the subject of scares in the past, is now used less often because lice are becoming resistant to it. It is the basis of such well-known remedies as Quellada.

Malathion is not recommended for asthmatics or for very small children. Permethrin, marketed under the name of Lyclear, can be used from two months onwards and phenothrin, trade name Full Marks, is also for use on small children.

The secret of dealing with outbreaks of lice has been to ring the changes on the remedies and to make certain that all children in a particular area are using the same treatment. The parents of affected children should also be treated.

Lice are not confined to the head. Body lice live on clothing. The seams of suits, shirts and underclothes are a perfect refuge from which the insects can periodically migrate when they need to feed off their hosts. The more often the clothes are cleaned the less likely they are to harbour parasites.

Crab lice haunt the hotter, sweatier, hairier parts of the anatomy, including armpits, beards and eyelashes.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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Golf ball hoarder is cleared

A golfer won a year-long court battle yesterday to keep more than 750 golf balls that he had hoarded in his bedroom. David Hughes, 25, of Buckley, Clwyd, was cleared of stealing the balls from a river and three lakes on the Padeswood and Buckley golf course. Police seized the balls, worth more than £1,000, after golf club officials complained about trespassers. Magistrates at Mold ordered police to give them back.

Piper Alpha case

William Hegarty, 43, a painter, of Alexandria, Strathclyde, who had to watch helplessly as the Piper Alpha oil platform was destroyed, killing 167 men, has begun a High Court action to win compensation for psychiatric damage.

Police chief fined

A police superintendent who was reported for drink-driving by a woman constable has been fined £1,300 and banned for 16 months by Aldershot magistrates. Dennis Luty, 55, of Bassett, Southampton, is to appeal.

New audit head

The new chairman of the Audit Commission is to be Roger Brooke, 64, an investment financier. On December 1 he will replace Sir David Cooksey, 55, who retired from the post in August after five years.

Higgins fined

Alex Higgins, the snooker player, was fined £150 yesterday after he was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly. Magistrates in Northwich, Cheshire, were told that Higgins, 46, swore at police after a charity golf match.

Fake exposed

Magistrates adjourned sentence on a law student who photocopied postage stamps and used the fakes, Ziaur Rahman, 25, of Nottingham, admitted three charges of attempting to obtain postal services by deception.

Pools firm wins claim to be millionaire's best bet

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

ADVERTISING watchdogs ruled yesterday that people have a better chance of becoming a millionaire by playing the football pools than the National Lottery.

The Advertising Standards Authority said that the pools firm Littlewoods had been right to claim in a national press and poster campaign that the odds of winning its pools were better than those of winning the National Lottery.

The poster advertisement was headlined "Millionaire's row" and claimed: "Just 60p a go. Your best chance to win millions." A separate press advertisement headed, "Littlewoods . . . your best chance of becoming a millionaire", quoted an article in a national newspaper giving odds of 15 million to one for the lottery and six million to one for Littlewoods pools.

The advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi, acting on behalf of Camelot, the lottery organiser, challenged both claims. The authority ruled, however, that at the time the advertisement appeared last spring the potential Littlewoods top prize was £2.6 million and the odds quoted were therefore correct. It also upheld the company's claim that it offered the best chance to win millions of pounds.

The ruling is the latest round in a bitter battle between Camelot and pools firms. Pools takings at Littlewoods have dropped 20 per cent since the launch of the lottery draw.

In a separate ruling the authority upheld a complaint from The Telegraph plc, owner of *The Daily Telegraph*, about an advertisement from Times Newspapers Ltd, publisher of *The Times*, for making misleading comparisons of readership.

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Witnesses reveal their private conversations with husband held over death of girls

West promised wife he would lie to save her, court is told

By Bill Frost and Richard Duce

ROSEMARY WEST agreed a pact with her husband that he would take the blame for their crimes while she remained silent for ever, Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday.

Janet Leach, appointed to sit in as a lay observer on interviews between detectives and Frederick West, said he told her privately that his wife had told him "where all the bodies were".

Mrs Leach, whose collapse yesterday afternoon halted the trial of Mrs West, said West had described the victims recovered from 25 Cromwell Street as "some of Rose's mistakes". She went on: "He said it was sexual and wasn't meant to happen."

Mrs Leach, 39, also told the court that West had said fingers were removed from the bodies to hamper police attempts to identify them.

As a lay observer who would normally be called to witness police interviews with minors or the mentally ill, she had been called to Gloucester police station soon after West's arrest. Mrs Leach, a mother of five, saw him privately in his cell as a "friend" and sat in on almost 80 interviews between late February and early May 1994. The following month she suffered a stroke, she said.

"What he was saying was that, in the interviews with police, he wasn't telling the truth. He was protecting Rosemary. When he was arrested, he wanted to know if Rosemary had been let out. He said there was a pact between them and that he would take the blame for everything and would sort it all out.

"Once the interviews began, he said he was going to talk a load of nonsense. He just said that he and Rose had made a pact and that she would never say anything." When West, 53, learnt that his wife had been arrested, he became "upset".

Clearly under strain, Mrs Leach continued: "He just said the police were getting too involved." Mrs West denies murdering nine girls and a young woman.

Asked what West had revealed of the couple's sex life, Mrs Leach replied: "He said that he wasn't very good at sex and she was more demanding. He said he knew about her men but was quite surprised about lesbian activities."

Mrs Leach told the court that West would ask if what he said "shocked" her. "I was just devastated but I didn't want him to know how upset I was about the things he was disclosing."

She had not told police of her private conversations with West until after he had been found hanged at Winson Green Prison in Birmingham last New Year's Day. Mrs Leach had felt under a duty of confidentiality. West had told her that he would tell everybody the truth when he came to trial.

Called by the Crown to give evidence in rebuttal to taped interviews with West played to the trial last Friday, Mrs Leach described how he would frequently change facts during their conversations. Once he told her that he was in prison when his stepdaughter Charmaine disappeared. Subsequently he admitted the child's murder and that of her mother, Rena Costello — his first wife.

There were sharply differing stories about Heather, the daughter whose body was the first to be recovered from the back garden at Cromwell Street. West said that he had argued with his daughter and his wife had given her money to go away with a lesbian. Subsequently he was to say that Mrs West and "someone else" had killed the girl after an argument. It had been "an accident".

West also claimed to Mrs Leach that a brother was involved in picking up girls from bus stops and taking them back to Cromwell Street. He accused Mrs West of murdering Shirley Robinson, a lodger whose body was found with the remains of her unborn child.

Mrs Leach last spoke to Frederick West in December 1994 — a fortnight before his death. "He was fine and talking about his new solicitor and new barrister. He was really pleased and was going to get things sorted out and was looking forward to the new year."

The trial continues.

PRISCILLA COLEMAN



Janet Leach yesterday: appointed as lay observer

'Rose was burying victims in cellar'

FREDERICK WEST told a prison doctor that his wife was to blame for the deaths of young women at their home, the jury was told. Dr James McMaster, a medical officer at the prison where West was on remand, said: "He claimed his wife was burying people without his knowledge."

Dr McMaster, a psychiatrist, said he had regular dealings with West. He spoke to him in August last year after reports that he had asked his family to make his funeral arrangements.

Dr McMaster formed the view West was living from "day to day" but did not appear suicidal and protested his innocence. "He claimed he'd been telling lies to the police and not telling them who he suspected was involved. He felt his wife was responsible for restraining their daughters while they were raped and responsible for the family's debts. He said his wife was running a brothel from his house. He claimed he was protecting her and was prepared to go to jail for life.

"He said his wife had tried to murder him by stabbing him with a knife. He felt his brother was involved although he didn't name his brother."

Dr McMaster, who was called by the prosecution to rebut West's taped interviews with police in which he tried to exonerate his wife, said: "He claimed his wife enjoyed cruelty and abused their daughters with sex toys. He also said that one of his daughters, Heather, helped to dig a hole in their back garden. He said it was her own grave but at the time she thought it was a paddling pool."

Dr McMaster said West claimed he was unaware of bodies being buried beneath their home. West told him he came home after a few days away to find the cellar had been dug over and was then persuaded by his wife to lay a concrete floor.

Detective Constable Steven Harris said that West, towards the end of interviews, claimed he was protecting someone but was too scared to say who.

WEST'S LETTERS FROM PRISON

Two notes written by Frederick West and discovered in his cell on New Year's Day, when he was found dead, were read to the jury. Both were addressed to Rosemary West. The first read:

"To Rose West, Stephen Mae and Mo.

"Well Rose, it's your birthday November 29, 1994 and you will be 41 and still beautiful, and still love me, and I love you. We will always be in love. The most wonderful thing in my life is that I met you. How our love was special to us.

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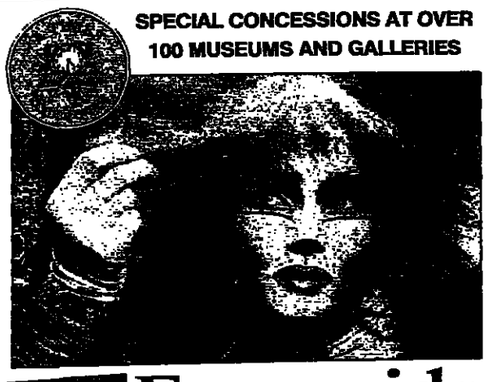
"Where you and I will be together for ever and ever, it's up to you. Lay Heather by us, we loved Heather. It would be lovely for Heather and Charmaine to be with Rena. Well Rose you will be Mrs West all over the world. That's wonderful for me and you. I have not got you a present but all I have is my life I will give it to you my darling when you are ready to come to me I will be waiting for you."

The jury was told that, at the end of the note, there was a drawing of a gravestone with the caption "In loving memory, Fred West and Rose West. Rest in peace where no shadow falls in perfect peace he waits for Rose his wife."

The second note read: "To Rose West

"Happy New Year darling. All my love, Fred West. To my love, for ever and ever."

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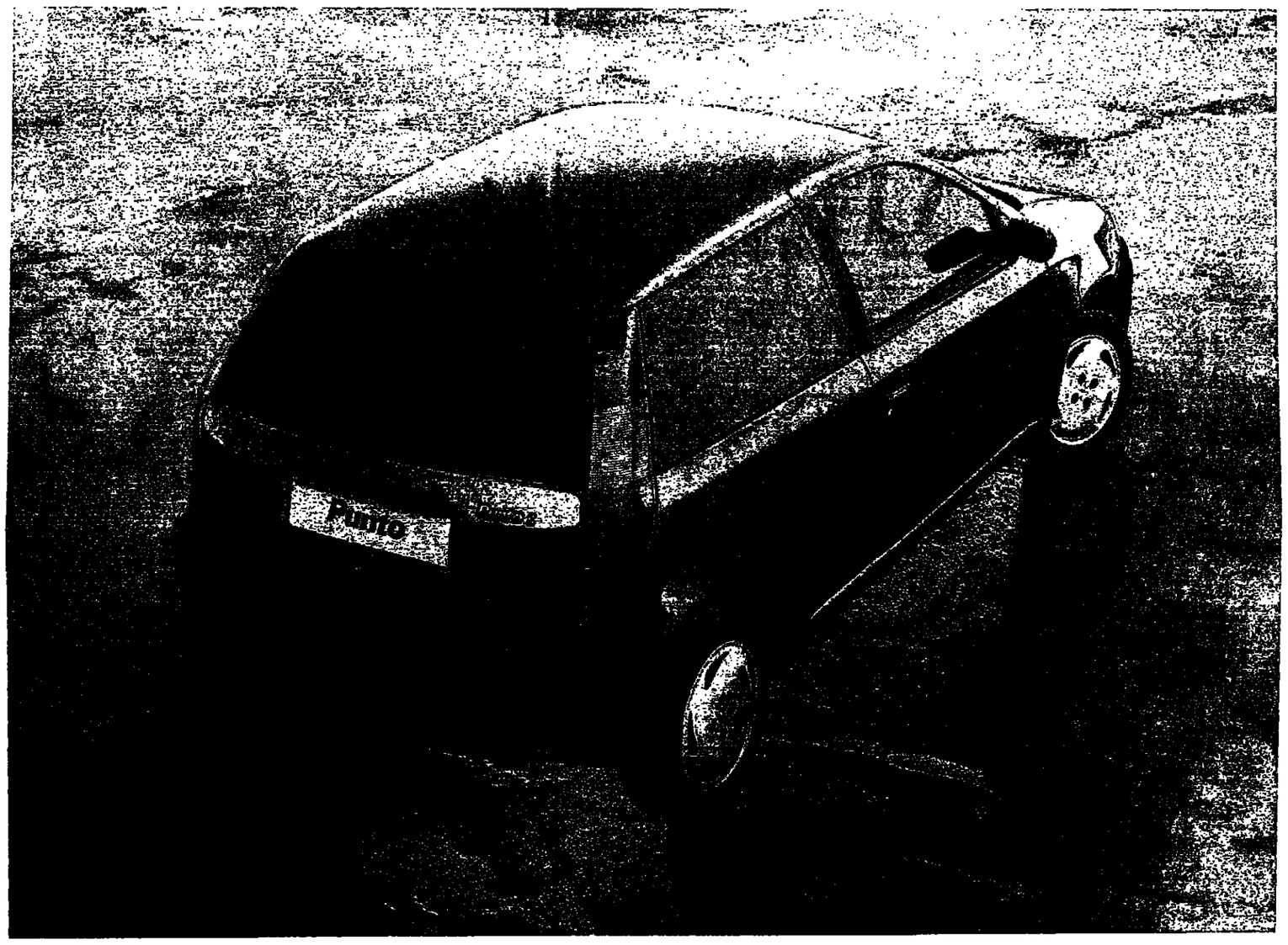
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Defence chiefs are 'too sceptical'

MPs seek action on Gulf War Syndrome

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MPs CRITICISED the Ministry of Defence yesterday for failing to take Gulf War Syndrome more seriously and demanded an independent health study of veterans.

After a lengthy investigation, the all-party Commons Defence Committee said it was appalled at the ministry's reluctance to undertake an epidemiological study, which could establish whether illnesses suffered by hundreds of veterans were statistically significant compared with military personnel who did not fight in the 1991 war.

The committee's unanimous report said that the ministry's response had been "characterised throughout by scepticism, defensiveness and general torpor".

Michael Colvin, Conservative chairman of the committee, and other members admitted they were sceptical themselves initially, but had been won over by personal testimony of those who had suffered from a range of illnesses. So far 350 have been examined by the ministry.

Mr Colvin said the investigation did not "prove or disprove" that troops were ill because of the war, but it showed that the ministry's initial response — employing one physician two days a week to examine veterans — was "hopelessly inadequate".

The committee went to America, where thousands of veterans claim to be suffering from the same unexplained symptoms, including chronic fatigue, muscle weakness, sleeplessness, skin problems and headaches. The American authorities had begun a survey involving 30,000 serving personnel, veterans and civilians.

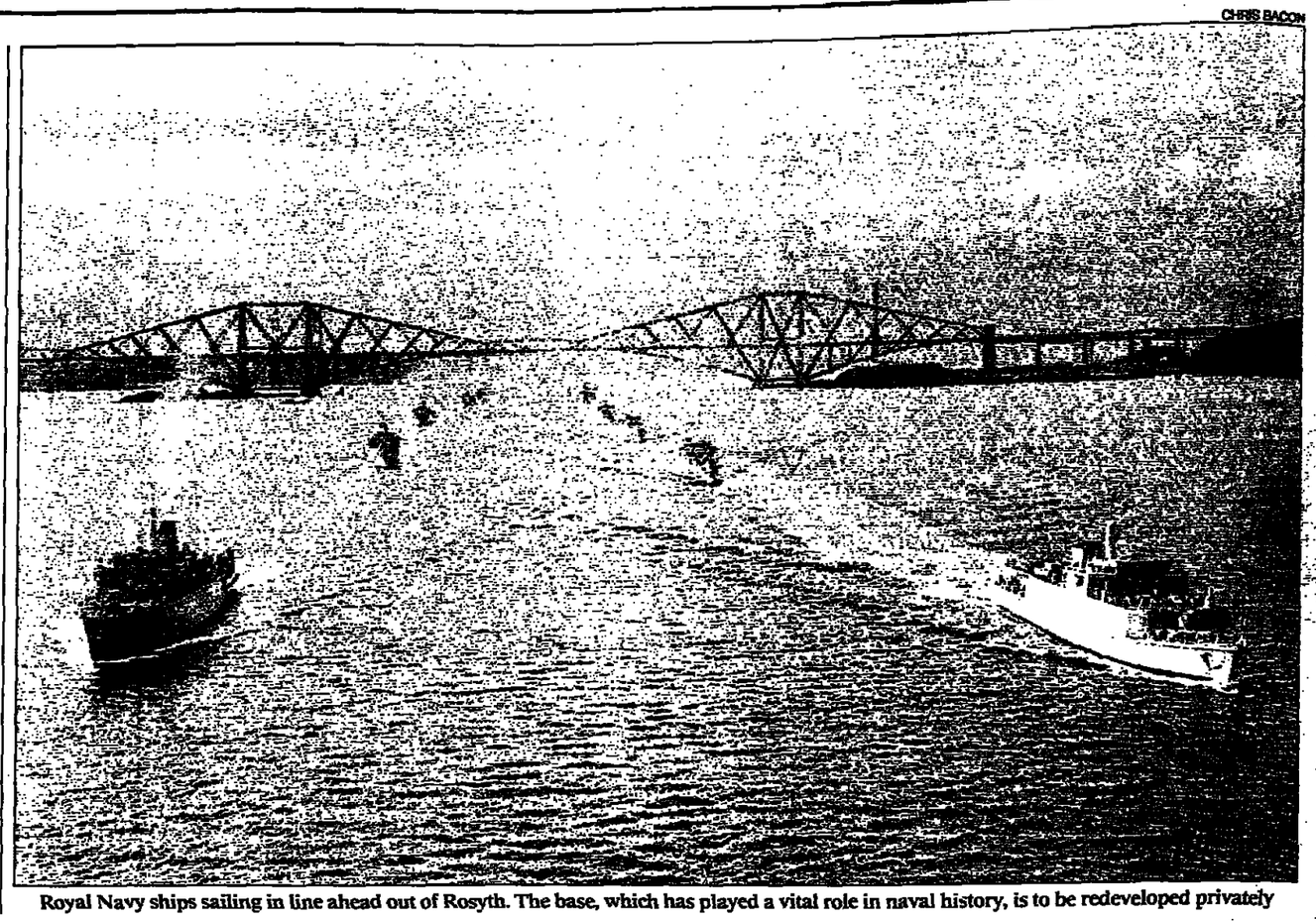
The MPs called for a similar British study by an independent body, and an investigation by Porton Down, the chemical defence research establishment in Wiltshire, into the short and long-term effects of drugs and tablets given to troops to counter the threat posed by Iraq's chemical and biological warfare capability. This "cocktail" of drugs could have caused the subsequent illnesses, said the report.

The ministry said there were no plans for a full epidemiological study, although it will ask experts in tropical diseases, toxicology and immunology to review work on those veterans that have come forward for medical examination. Paediatricians will be consulted over claims of birth defects.

Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, criticised the MPs' report as "unhelpful and disappointing". He said: "Everything possible that can be done has been done and will be done. We retain an open mind on this issue and we are certainly not complacent."

□ *Gulf War Syndrome*, Defence Committee Eleventh Report (HMSO: £19.90)

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Royal Navy ships sailing in line ahead out of Rosyth. The base, which has played a vital role in naval history, is to be redeveloped privately

Navy waives gun salute to Rosyth base

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

ROSYTH took its place in naval history yesterday when the final ships left the Royal Navy base in Fife. Fourteen minesweepers and fisheries protection vessels sailed in line ahead into the Firth of Forth, but a 15-gun salute had to be cancelled because of technical problems.

Several hundred people lined the dockyard as the ships made their way towards the Forth road and rail bridges. Bands of the Royal Marines Scotland and the Ministry of Defence Police played Rod Stewart's *Sailing*. The ships left for Faslane on the Clyde and Portsmouth.

Many of those watching were families of the crews on board. Others were civilian workers at the dockyard. Most of the 1,000-strong workforce will leave the base this week although the Royal Navy does not relinquish control until March.

The base has been bought by the Rosyth 2000 consortium, which has promised to create up to 5,000 jobs and invest £100 million in the region. The consortium includes the Bank of Scotland, Scottish Power, Forth Ports, Fife Regional Council and Babcock International, which runs the adjacent commercial dockyard.

Rosyth was developed as a naval base at the turn of the century in response to alarm at the growth in the German High Seas Fleet. In 1903 the Government bought 1,200 acres, including Rosyth Castle, from the Marquess of Linlithgow at Rosyth.

Building the deep water basin, entrance lock, dry docks and ancillary buildings was a huge enterprise with 550 acres being reclaimed from the sea. The work was not completed until 1915.

The first ship to enter for repair was *HMS Zealandia* in March 1916. Three months later the first ships of the Grand Fleet were towed in for repair after the Battle of Jutland. During the First World War it handled almost 200 ships including 78 battleships and battle cruisers.

The base was closed temporarily during the Depression but over the past 50 years Rosyth has been called on in every big conflict including Suez, the Korean War, the Falklands and the Gulf War.

Yesterday Vice-Admiral Christopher Morgan, Flag Officer for Scotland and Northern Ireland, saluted the 14 ships from his station aboard *HMS Bicester*, which had steamed from Portsmouth for the occasion. Unveiling a plaque to the civilian and uniformed workforce, he said it was a day of "great sadness and nostalgia.

"We have a yard which has supported ships over eight decades and that support would not have been possible without a skilled, loyal and dedicated workforce."

Father of Child B denies deception

THE father of Jaymee Bowen, the cancer victim originally known as Child B, has been sent for trial on deception charges over housing benefit claims.

David Bowen, 32, whose 11-year-old daughter was refused a second NHS bone marrow transplant before an anonymous benefactor paid for her £75,000 treatment, denies the allegations. The charges against Mr Bowen, a property consultant, will be heard at Bury St Edmunds Crown Court next year.

Mr Bowen was commited with two co-defendants by a judge at Ipswich Crown Court, who agreed to postpone the start of the trial after a private hearing.

Earlier this year Mr Bowen lost a High Court battle to force the Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Authority to continue to treat his daughter, whose plight became the subject of national debate. Last month a ban on identifying her was lifted, enabling her family to sell its story to raise more funds for her leukaemia treatment.

Mr Bowen is planning to sue the health authority over his daughter's original care. Jaymee's consultant now estimates that her chances of a prolonged remission or cure have improved from less than 10 per cent when experimental treatment was refused to nearly 30 per cent.

Airline pilot flew low 'to wave at his wife'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A PILOT has been grounded amid claims that he flew a charter aircraft low over his house to "buzz" his wife on her birthday. The flypast at between 1,500ft and 2,000ft by the Ibiza-bound plane prompted scores of calls to Manchester airport from people in Congleton, Cheshire, who thought it was in trouble.

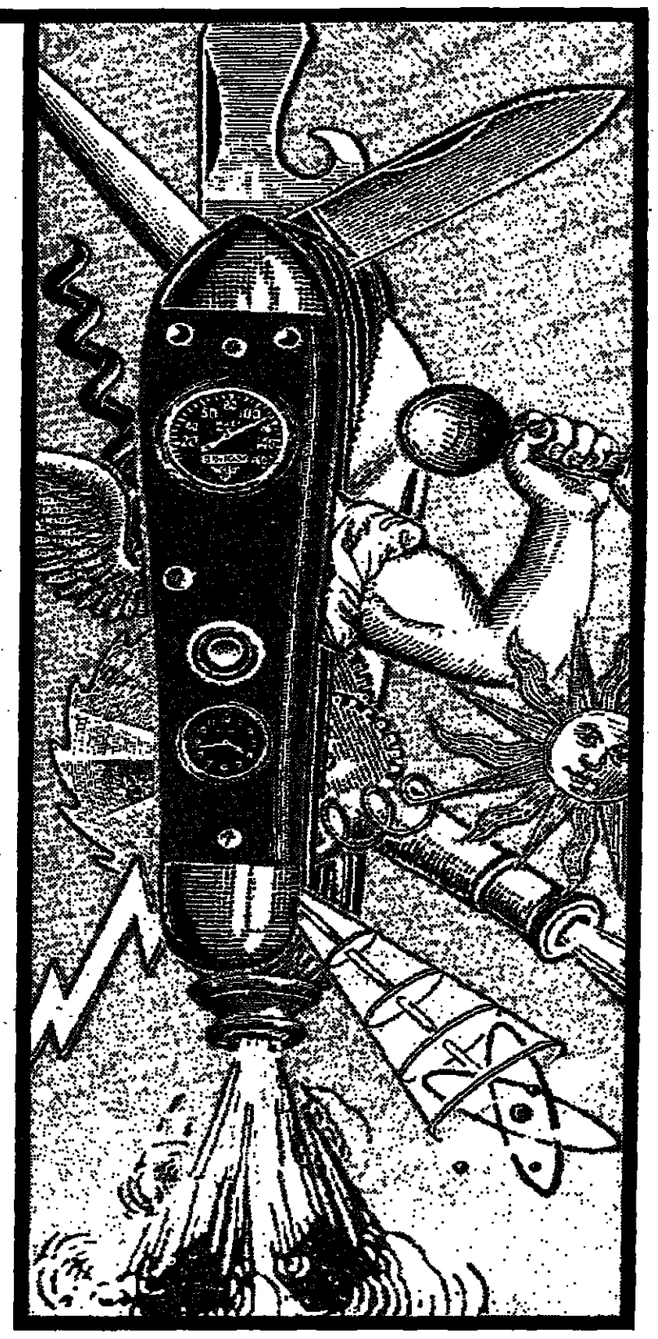
Congleton is 12 miles from the end of the Manchester runway and the normal flight level over the town is 4,000ft. The Britannia Airways jet, which was not carrying passengers, had been cleared by air traffic control to fly over at half that height.

The incident prompted a demand for an inquiry into air traffic control procedures. Jeff Gazzard, of Manchester Airport Environmental Network, said: "The pilot had asked to fly at 2,000ft so he could wave to his wife. Air traffic controllers are the policemen of the skies and should not have allowed this. There should be an immediate inquiry."

Britannia said that the captain and co-pilot of the Boeing 767 had been suspended for carrying out a "non-standard" manoeuvre on October 30. An internal inquiry is under way.

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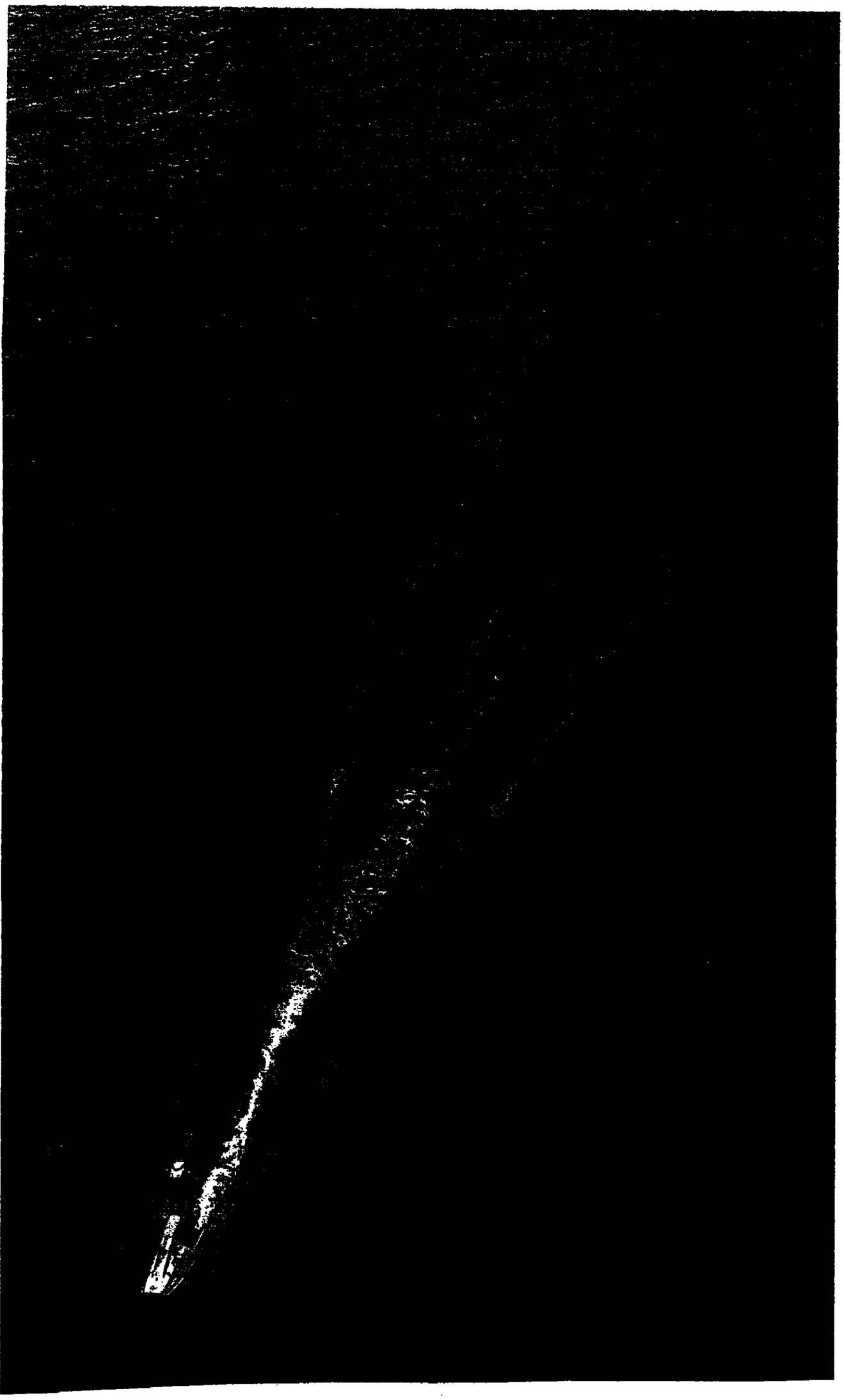
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Political lobbyists turn away from discredited MPs

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE stature of MPs in the commercial world has been so badly damaged by the cash-for-questions affair that most political lobbyists have already severed their links with them.

Payments to MPs, or members of MPs' families, have been banned by the Association of Professional Political Consultants, which includes the big five companies.

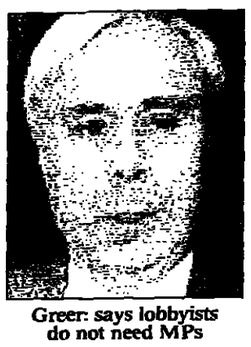
David Mellor is one of the first high-profile casualties of the Nolan inquiry. Last week Shandwick Consultants, the public affairs arm of a company run by Peter Gummer, brother of John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, dispensed with his services.

Tom McNally, Shandwick's public affairs director, said: "It was a mutual decision to coincide with the vote on Monday. The arrangement was frankly no longer worth the candle. Neither Shandwick nor David Mellor wants to be dragged into all this controversy about cash-for-questions and MPs' consultancies. It's just not worth it."

Mr McNally, who was political secretary to James Callaghan when he was Prime Minister, said: "There was a time when clients believed that having an MP on the books gave them street credibility. But that is not the case anymore. We no longer have an MP on our books. There is no longer any point."

Lord Parkinson, former Tory party chairman, is winding up Task Force Communications, which he chairs, because Gerald Howarth, the prospective Tory candidate for Aldershot, is a director. Mr Howarth said: "There is no point in trying to build up a client base if I am going to have to quit when I become an MP. Nolan has destroyed a thriving company."

Michael Burrell, managing director of Westminster Strategy, one of the biggest lobbyists, said: "You will find that far fewer lobbying consultancies in future will see any value in employing MPs. Companies who are the clients of consultancies will question whether they are getting any value out of their consultancy employing an MP now that the MP is not allowed to put down questions or table early day motions."



Greer: says lobbyists do not need MPs

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He argued that the reforms voted for on Monday were inadequate. Westminster Strategy has never employed MPs, and he says that other lobbying firms should not employ them either. "Nolan recommended a complete ban on lobbying companies employing MPs. I wish Parliament had voted for that. Lobbying consultancies will still be able to employ MPs to give advice. That is a pity."

Ian Greer, the high priest of political lobbyists with unrivalled links to the Tory party, said that Monday's vote would have no effect on most lobbyists. Mr Greer, an architect of the self-regulatory association of lobbyists which drew up the no-MPs rule, said: "The importance of the Nolan report on lobbyists has been greatly exaggerated. I would say 95 per cent of lobbyists have no financial connection whatsoever with MPs. If they did, they have ended them.

"The prime source of MPs' additional income has been as advisers to commercial companies and professional and trade associations. These are wholly distinct from professional lobbying companies. They will now review their relationships with MPs. Full disclosure will lift the veil on lobbying and demonstrate that they have't got, and don't need, the services of MPs."

Ann Taylor, the Shadow Leader of the Commons, has resigned her non-executive directorship of Westminster Communications. Mrs Taylor, who argued in the Commons debate on Monday that MPs should accept disclosure if they had nothing to hide, did not reveal her fee.

Richard Faulkner, managing director of Westminster Communications, said that MPs were no longer the asset they used to be. The decision to end arrangements with MPs such as Mrs Taylor had been taken for commercial reasons.

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DISCLOSURE OF EARNINGS: WHAT IT MEANS FOR LABOUR AND TORY MPS

Michael Connarty is one of Labour's biggest "earners". Most MPs who are sponsored by trade unions receive an average of about £600 a year plus election expenses. But Mr Connarty, MP for Falkirk East, gets £8,000 a year from the Union of Communication Workers, all of which is paid directly to his Scottish constituency. The amount is disclosed in the Register of Members' Interests and no extra election payments are made.

The payment is an historic one, given to his predecessor, the Labour MP Harry Ewing, who was a post office worker. It goes towards paying the salary of a member of staff in the constituency office and towards the funding of campaigns. None of it goes to Mr Connarty personally. He has occasional meetings with representatives of the union to advise them on Scottish matters or anything they have a particular interest in.

He has also tabled two early day motions and several questions relating to the Post Office, but in each case has declared his interest. One tabled last year expresses concern about post office closures and commends a day of action called by the union. He has been advised that he can table similar motions in the future but no reference should be made to the union concerned.

Nicholas Winterton has three directorships and is a paid parliamentary adviser to three other companies but is fighting pressure to declare the money he receives from all of them.

Mr Winterton, the Conservative MP for Macclesfield, says that he will abide by any rules laid down by the Parliamentary Commissioner and will disclose fees from the two jobs which he thought were relevant to his parliamentary work.

He is a director of the Government Relations Unit and a parliamentary adviser to the Construction Plant-hire Association. But he is not keen to give details of the fees he earns from his other work which he considers unrelated to his position as an MP. "Members are now no longer allowed to earn any money at all by advocating a cause in Parliament, and clearly, therefore, there is no income to be disclosed," he said.

Several other MPs with outside interests also say they are not prepared to disclose fees for work not directly related to the Commons. Some have said that they will have to look at how contracts could be changed so that the parliamentary element is removed or the contract split with only a minimal amount entered for parliamentary work.

Sir Michael Neubert, a former defence minister, has threatened to defy the new rules requiring disclosure of MPs' earnings. He says that they are "not the law of the land" and he cannot be forced to abide by them.

Sir Michael, MP for Romford, says that colleagues set a precedent for not following the Commons rules on disclosure when they refused to divulge details of their membership of Lloyd's insurance syndicates. He lists in the Register of Members' Interests his role as an adviser to the Federation of Master Builders and to the National Market Traders' Federation, and his membership of the advisory board to the cable telecommunications company Bell Cablemedia.

Although he is adamant that he will resist pressure from senior colleagues, the newly created Select Committee on Standards and Privileges — effectively the Commons court — will be given strengthened powers to deal with recalcitrant backbenchers. The new eleven-member cross-party committee will be able to hold its disciplinary hearings in public. It will retain the wide-ranging powers of the Privileges Committee to recommend that MPs be fined, suspended or even expelled from the Commons.

Tough new Commons regime will be felt immediately

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A STRICT new disciplinary regime will begin next week to expose MPs' financial affairs to the most detailed public scrutiny seen at Westminster.

The disclosure of outside earnings and the ban on paid advocacy will mean drastic changes to the income of MPs with wide business interests.

The first curbs will be seen when the Commons returns for the Queen's Speech on Wednesday. The ban on paid advocacy will take effect immediately, preventing them from tabling questions, motions, or amendments to Bills and from introducing Bills on behalf of any client who pays them a fee.

MPs will be barred from entering any new contracts for paid advocacy but those already with contracts will have until March 31 next year to end them. MPs will be allowed to work as paid advisers, offering information about parliamentary procedures and other matters. Fees for consultancy services directly related to Commons work is to be disclosed in bands of up to £1,000, £1,000-£5,000, then in bands of £5,000.

New contracts for advisory work must be submitted immediately for approval by the new Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. Established contracts for advisory work, or those that need to be amended to comply with the new rules, must be submitted by March 31.

MPs with paid interests will be prevented from initiating debates on subjects directly related to their client, although they can take part in debates initiated by colleagues. An MP paid by, say, the Police Federation, representing rank-and-file policemen, would be able to contribute to a debate on law and order but probably not on police pay, because such a speech might bring "particular benefit" to the organisation making payment.

Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, will decide whether an MP's outside interests are a direct consequence of being in the Commons. For instance, an MP who writes or broadcasts directly because of his Commons position would be expected to declare his earnings, but a colleague who worked as a journalist before entering the Commons might not have to.

Sir Gordon will start work next week advising MPs on ethics, propriety and standards. He will receive initial complaints against MPs before referring them, if warranted, to the new Select Committee for Privileges and Standards.

He will administer the new code of conduct, based on recommendations from the Nolan inquiry, demanding that MPs follow the "seven principles of public life", showing selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, leadership and honesty.

The select committee will have powers to hear evidence in public, unless there are potential legal difficulties. MPs facing allegations will be allowed to cross-examine witnesses making complaints.

Labour MPs whose constituencies receive financial support from a trade union are likely to be barred from advocating on the union's behalf if payments are arranged by or paid via the MP. MPs will not be able to arrange or attend ministerial deputations if their client is the only beneficiary. However, such visits will be allowed if wider issues are to be discussed.

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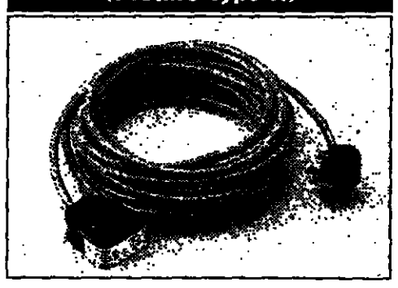
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Hockney accuses art school of dodging the draught

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

DAVID HOCKNEY, Britain's most celebrated living artist and an outstanding draughtsman, yesterday criticised art schools that do not teach drawing.

Speaking at the Royal Academy of Arts, where an exhibition of his drawings opens tomorrow, Hockney lamented that art schools were neglecting to teach students essential technical and craft skills. "It is sad when the colleges abandon the teaching of certain kinds of craft," he said.

His intervention reignited the row that has raged since the 1960s about whether craftsmanship is being sacrificed by art schools in pursuit of creativity.

Drawing, Hockney said, should tease the eye into really looking at the world around us. He recalled how from a very young age he was inspired by anything with a distinct drawn line, from Mickey Mouse to cartoons in newspapers.

Mr Hockney learnt the rules before breaking them at Bradford College of Art and then the Royal College of Art.

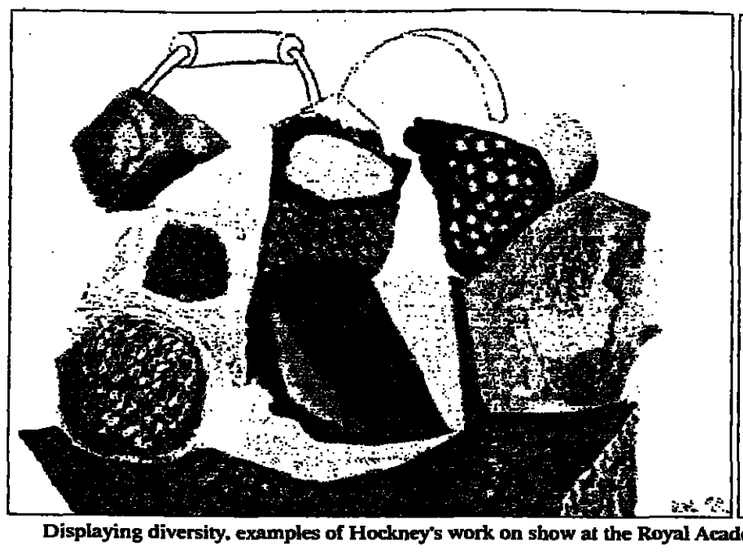
The Royal Academy showed the first painting he exhibited, an image of Mount Street in Bradford, in 1957. The painting has since disappeared, but a pencil sketch for it will be in his latest show, among 176 images of portraits, landscapes, still lifes and stage designs.

Hockney said he hoped the exhibition would inspire people to put pen to paper, even if only as a hobby. As an essay in the exhibition catalogue points out, drawing is the discipline that has informed Hockney's approach to every medium, from painting to faxes and photocopying: "Drawing was *the* intellectual discipline upon which all art was founded."

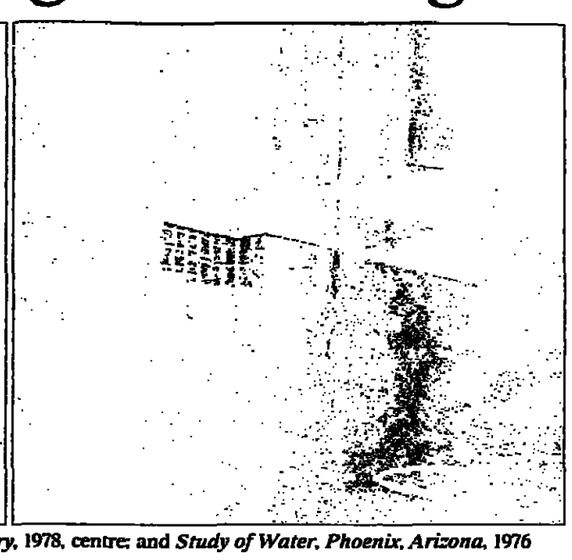
His attack on training was met with bemusement by art colleges. "What does he mean?" asked Nicholas De Ville, head of visual arts at Goldsmith's College, south-east London, whose graduates include Damien Hirst, the artist best-known for using dead animals. "I don't know that it's such a widespread phenomenon as some people make out. The problem is whether it is appropriate to put all the students through the same batch of crafts-based programme and technical skills. All those things we still provide, but we allow the students to decide which of them are appropriate. It's a misconception that art schools don't provide these things anymore."

But he added: "The old pattern where they were expected to spend two years in the liferoom before doing anything else has been abandoned. And I think rightly. Not all students find drawing a way of making images."

Norman Rosenthal, exhibitions secretary of the RA, said that every line of Hockney's work revealed a "generosity of spirit and an enjoyment of life, whether he is looking at a glass or at his friends."







Displaying diversity, examples of Hockney's work on show at the Royal Academy of Arts from tomorrow: *Cased*, 1994, left; *Gregory*, 1978, centre; and *Study of Water, Phoenix, Arizona*, 1976

Show draws attention to vivid versatility



The designer Ossie Clarke drawn in crayon in 1970

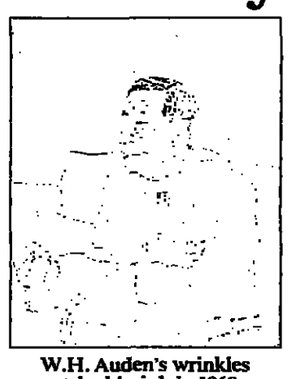
By Richard Cork
Chief Art Critic

NO ARTIST could be more versatile than the deft, restless and unpredictable David Hockney. Even in his drawings, now assembled in profusion at a Royal Academy retrospective, the range of styles is astonishing.

At the Royal College of Art, as a star student in the early 1960s, Hockney seemed capable of anything. In one mood he spent a week making a careful study of a skeleton. His fellow student R.B. Kitaj admired it so much that he bought the drawing for £5. But Hockney was equally willing to produce wildly executed images. Gandhi became the subject of a crayon study called *Love*. Later Hockney's style became wittier, sexier and more precise. Nude men, usually showering, make a provocative entrance to the show.

Los Angeles produced an outpouring of brilliantly coloured studies. Fascinated by lawn sprinklers and swimming pools shimmering in the sun, Hockney defined the city in an unforgettable way. It was the opposite of everything he had grown up with in his native Bradford, and Los Angeles became his home.

The Royal Academy show proves that people enthral Hockney even more than places. Stephen Spender is the full-length subject of the most detailed pencil drawing, which displays a skill worthy of the Old Masters. But Hockney is wary of the academic trap. His most recent large drawings of family and friends show a new boldness and vigour.



W.H. Auden's wrinkles etched in ink in 1968

Whitehall waste costs taxpayer £900m

By Nigel Williamson
Whitehall Correspondent

POOR management of the Government's biggest construction projects is costing taxpayers up to £900 million each year, a Cabinet Office report disclosed yesterday.

Sir Peter Levene, the Prime Minister's personal adviser on efficiency, said that better management and supervision in Whitehall could save some 15 per cent of the £6 billion spent every year on building hospitals, courts, laboratories, military installations, prisons and roads. The report criticised civil servants for dodging responsibility for decisions and their "obsession" with accepting the lowest bid for a project. A quarter of schemes suffered budget overruns because contracts were awarded on the basis of unrealistic forecasts and incomplete briefs.

The 20 projects studied, including the British Library, the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and the new Inland Revenue headquarters in Nottingham, showed an increase of £500 million or 24 per cent over their initial approved costs. One department, which has not been identified, ran a project which "suffered from adversarial relationships, cost increases and significant delays and is now unlikely to deliver a building that matches the requirements of the business," the report said.

It recommends forcing senior civil servants to take personal responsibility in the future. Each government construction project with a budget of more than £1 million will have a named investment decision maker, a project owner and a project sponsor.

Housing benefit cuts 'a false economy'

By Ian Murray

GOVERNMENT plans to cut housing benefits and change the rules for helping the homeless will save £170 million but could cost an extra £918 million, according to Shelter, the housing charity.

In a report today Shelter says that the changes will put an extra 80,000 private renting families into poverty.

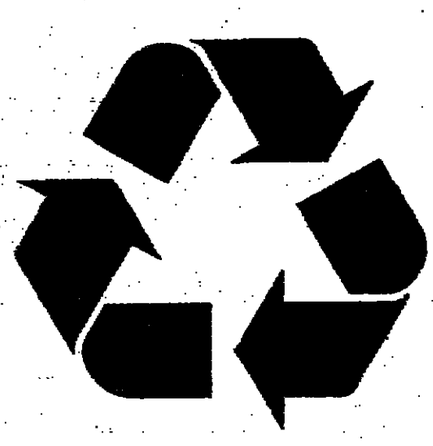
From the start of the new year, each area will have a "local reference rent" for which housing benefit can be claimed. However, the reference rent may be less than the reasonable market rent for the area, but benefit will be paid on only half the difference between the two.

Shelter says that many families have been able to find accommodation only by paying more than even the going market rate. Cutting housing benefit will force them into poverty.

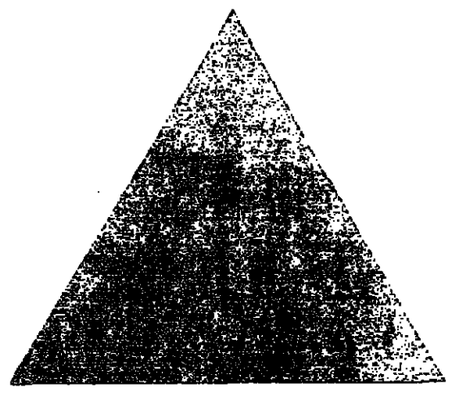
The charity says the problem will be exacerbated by proposals in the Housing White Paper to deny homeless households priority on housing lists. That will force them to accept temporary high-cost private accommodation.

The cost of paying high rents for the homeless is estimated at £118 million a year. Housing benefits will need to increase by £600 million to meet escalating private rents and a further £200 million could be needed in social security as low wage earners, unable to meet rising rents, drop out of work.

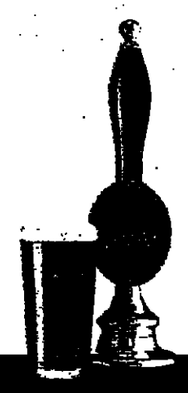
Chris Holmes, Shelter's director, said: "The fact is that homeless families denied priority for rehousing and forced into high-cost private lets, could well face recurring homelessness."



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Nigeria tops the agenda for heads of Commonwealth

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR flew out of Israel yesterday to Auckland, where he will arrive with other Commonwealth heads of government for a summit likely to be dominated by two themes: democracy in member countries and French nuclear tests.

The Prime Minister will give strong support to a Commonwealth proposal for graduated measures, culminating in sanctions and suspension of membership, against rogue states that flout the 1991 Harare declarations on democracy, human rights and good governance. Nigeria will be the focus of this Commonwealth initiative. Efforts will also be made to enforce a return to democracy in two other countries under military rule: Sierra Leone and The Gambia.

The Commonwealth, now comprising 52 members after the admission of Cameroon, is unlikely to press for Nigeria's suspension.

"There will be some who may want to condemn, there will be some who may want to exclude, but to exclude people from meetings means that you just lose all capacity to influence or have dialogue with them," Don McKinnon, the New Zealand Foreign Minister, said in a radio interview. He said it was better to have countries such as Nigeria "inside the tent and us talking to them", rather than outside and no one talking to anybody.

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Development Minister, who will attend the summit instead of Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, made clear last week that Britain will use the four-day meeting for straight talking to General Sani Abacha, the Nigerian military leader.

Lady Chalker also hopes that President Mandela of South Africa, which is attending the meeting for the first time in more than 30 years, will use his moral influence to press Nigeria and other African countries with authoritarian regimes to respond to calls for greater democracy. Thabo Mbeki, the first Deputy President, visited Abuja to urge General Abacha to spare the lives of condemned opponents, but South Africa is reluctant to press for sanctions.

Britain hopes that the combined pressure of other leaders will persuade General Abacha to reprieve Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer sentenced to hang for alleged complicity in the murder of moderate leaders in Ogoniland. Britain also wants Nigeria to speed up the proposed three-year transition to democracy, which Lady Chalker said was "clearly too long".

South Pacific countries will insist on a motion condemning France for continuing underground nuclear tests on Mururoa atoll, and Mr Major will be criticised for his outspoken endorsement of President Chirac's policies. New Zealand and Australia have taken the lead in condemning France and calling for a trade boycott, but as host country New Zealand may wish to avoid embarrassing the Prime Minister.

Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, who has been critical of his country's remaining constitutional links with Britain, may use the nuclear issue to press home sharp attacks on Britain and Mr Major in particular. He is not expected to seek a confrontation with the Queen at the summit, however. She has made clear that it is up to Australia to decide whether it wants to become a republic.

Commonwealth leaders will also discuss development policies and debt relief for the poorer nations. Of the 52 members, all but four classify themselves as developing countries.

Wellington: New Zealand's keenest anti-royalist made a trademark roadside protest yesterday with an air freshener can as the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh strolled round Ellerslie racecourse in Auckland (Michael Munro writes).

Sam Bracanov, who was fined £410 for lunging at the Prince of Wales with an acrosol can last year, made a protest, agreed with the police, as the royal motorcade travelled from Auckland airport to the city. He brandished a placard saying "bad smell is upon us".



One of the three American servicemen accused of raping a 12-year-old schoolgirl is led into court in Naha City yesterday, hidden behind police shields. Two Marines have denied rape, but admitted two other charges

US sailor admits Okinawa rape

FROM PEREGRINE HODSON IN TOKYO

THE trial of three American servicemen accused of raping a 12-year-old girl opened yesterday in Naha City, Okinawa. Marcus Gill, 22, a Navy seaman, pleaded guilty to charges of rape, abduction and battery, but his two companions, Kendrick Ledet, 20, and Rodrico Harp, 21, both US Marines, denied the rape but admitted the other two charges.

The three men arrived at court, their faces hidden by police shields. They were led into the courtroom in handcuffs, which were removed once they were seated. According to the prosecution statement submitted to the three judges — Japan has no jury system — Mr Gill was the ringleader. The prosecution said that at about 8pm on September 4 the accused drove to the village of Kin, near the prefectoral capital of Naha, where they ambushed the girl who had been shopping. The men are alleged to have tied her up and covered her face with tape, before driving her to an isolated beach where, according to the prosecution, they took turns raping her.

The incident has provoked outrage in Okinawa, where resentment against the American presence culminated last month in a demonstration of more than 50,000 people calling for an apology and compensation for the victim and the scaling down of US bases.

The anger roused by the rape has been exploited to challenge the future of the American military presence in Japan. While informed debate is long overdue, emotions have reached such a pitch that relations between the two countries are becoming critical. Much will depend on what happens in the trial, which is scheduled to last six weeks with a ruling by the end of the year. Japan's justice system attaches great importance to expressions of apology and remorse — the future of Japanese-American relations may be influenced by the demeanour of the three US servicemen.

Whatever the verdict, it is unlikely to diminish the Okinawans' determination to seek a fairer distribution of the American presence in Japan, of which 75 per cent is concentrated in the prefecture.

Peking in struggle over lama successor

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHINA and the Dalai Lama appeared to be locked in a fresh power struggle yesterday over choosing the successor to Tibet's second most senior monk.

Peking was insisting that it had the final say over identifying a young boy as the reincarnation of the late Panchen Lama. The issue is likely to cause deep concern within Tibet, especially after the disappearance of the Dalai Lama's candidate.

Foreign diplomats in Peking last night described as quaint and decidedly bizarre China's insistence on claiming that, while still an avowedly Communist and atheist state, it knows more about arcane Buddhist practices for identifying the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama than does Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

Yesterday China renewed its criticism of the Dalai Lama, who has lived in exile in northern India since he fled Tibet in 1959 after the crushing of an uprising against Chinese rule, over his naming last May of a six-year-old boy as the reincarnated Panchen Lama, who died in 1989 a few days after criticising China's harsh rule in Tibet.

The new attack comes after the Tibetan government-in-exile in India accused China last weekend of forcing 100 high Tibetan lamas to gather in Peking for a new selection process. Whether the Dalai Lama's candidate will be one of those in the lottery remains uncertain.

Nevertheless, the squabbling over this religious issue is likely to cause deep concern within Tibet itself, diplomats here said, especially after the mysterious disappearance of the Dalai Lama's candidate, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, to succeed the Panchen Lama, a sometimes controversial figure who some accused of being a stooge of Peking and others a man who worked for Tibet from within the Chinese system.

Whatever the case, the Panchen Lama was denounced and tortured by leftists during the Cultural Revolution. The disappearance of the respected Abbot of Tashilunpo, Chadrel Rinpoche, who originally identified the discovery of the reincarnation after a search process throughout Tibet, is also causing concern. Apparently, he first divulged the information secretly, possibly by courier over the Himalayas, to the Dalai Lama.

He is believed to have been arrested in May and he was replaced at Tashilunpo monastery in the Tibetan town of Xigaze in September.

Police tighten security around Mandela

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

SECURITY around President Mandela and members of his Cabinet has been strengthened as shockwaves triggered by the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, wash over South Africa.

In a statement yesterday, George Fivaz, the Police Commissioner, said he had ordered all police officers responsible for the safety of Mr Mandela, Deputy Presidents Thabo Mbeki and F.W. de Klerk and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Home Affairs Minister and leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, to be placed on alert. He said that was not in response to any specific threat but that those responsible for security must avoid complacency and learn from the Israeli murder.

Mr Fivaz added: "We simply cannot afford to think we are immune to such lunacy. Parallels exist between the Israeli-Palestinian and South African political processes and it would be disastrous if especially the leaders of the major parties of the Government were harmed."

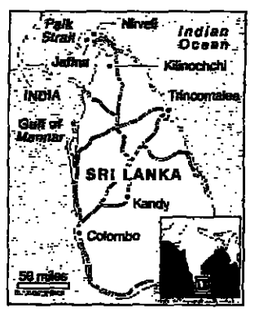
Still fresh in the minds of South Africans is the assassination in April 1993 of Chris Hani, the General Secretary of the South African Communist Party and at the time one of the most senior figures in the African National Congress. He was shot outside his home near Johannesburg by a right-wing Polish immigrant opposed to the emancipation of blacks. In the run-up to last year's national election, South Africa was gripped by a right-wing bombing campaign and the security skake-up comes amid renewed fears of extremist insurgency.

Leaflet airdrop in Jaffna aims to stem Tamil panic

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO

THE Sri Lankan Government has begun dropping leaflets over the Jaffna peninsula to try to persuade hundreds of thousands of Tamil civilians that "this war is not against you". The campaign came as a sea of people moved through the countryside, soaked, homeless and hungry. They are plainly terrified.

The Government's claim that there are only 100,000 refugees seems to be nonsense. S. Thillanandarajah, the most senior government official in Kilinochi district, south of Jaffna, said last night that more than 110,000 displaced Tamils had reached the area. They were crowded into schools, churches and temples. Tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands,

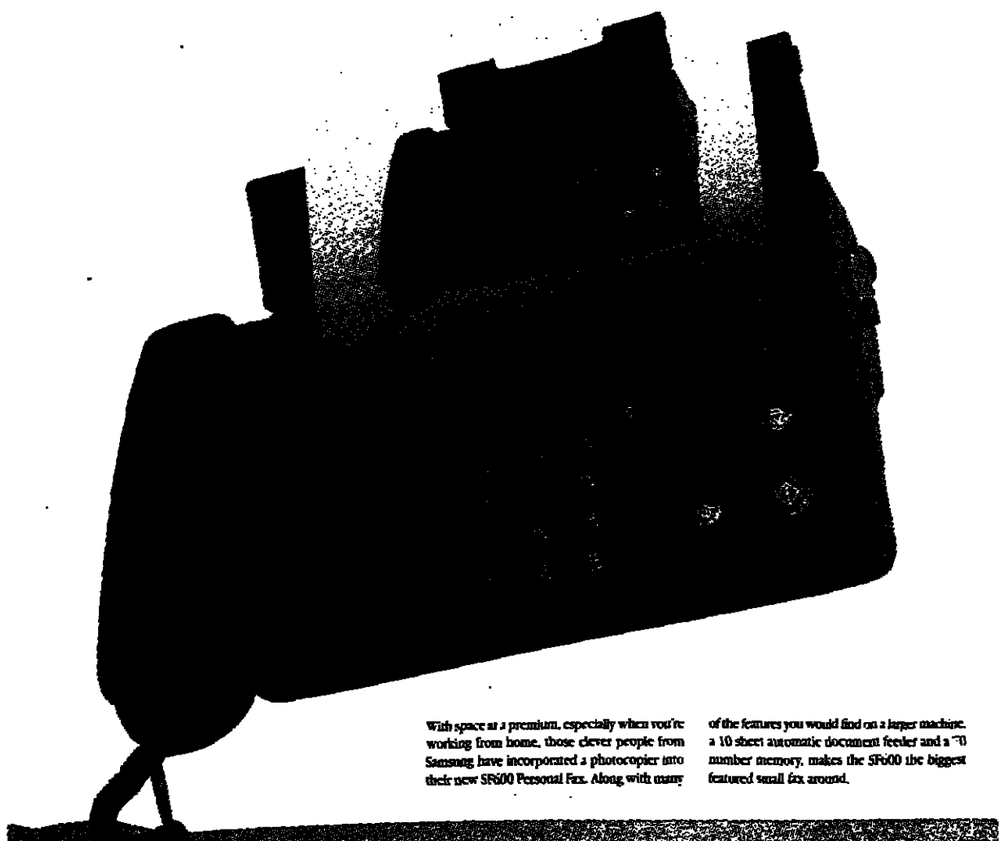


were still on their way. He described chaos on the shores of Jaffna lagoon as people clambered with their possessions on board 1,000 small boats for the two-hour trip to the mainland. Every day fewer boats were available because fuel was running out. Most of those fleeing had walked long distances in monsoon storms. Most had spent nights with friends and relatives, but many had slept in the rain.

Aid agencies, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, say there are 300,000 to 400,000 displaced people from intensified fighting since July. But everybody is guessing. Nobody even is sure about the population of the Jaffna peninsula, which was 830,000 when the last census was taken, in the 1980s.

The administrative and political headquarters in Jaffna town of the secessionist Tigers has collapsed. Denied taxation and other income, the rebels are desperate for money.

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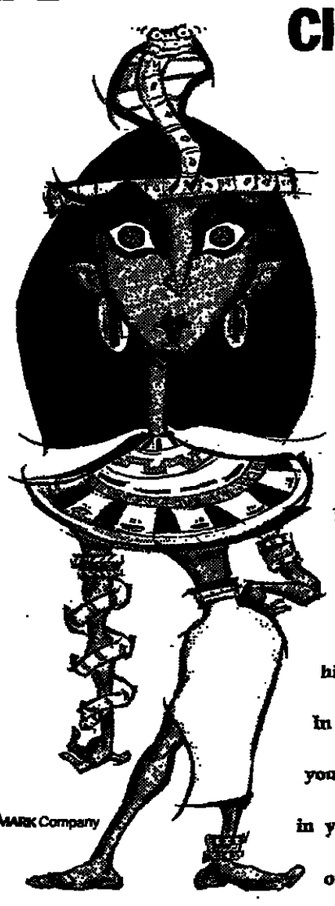
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Juppé reshuffles Cabinet before tackling reforms

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, ordered a surprise Cabinet reshuffle yesterday as President Chirac sought to breathe fresh vigour into his flagging presidency and pave the way for painful economic reforms.

After just six months in office, M Juppé formally tendered the resignation of his Government yesterday morning. M Chirac immediately reappointed M Juppé to oversee the creation of a new Cabinet, more clearly committed to reducing the budget deficit.

None of the top ministers had to lose a post, although the Health Minister, Elisabeth Hubert, and Colette Codaccioni, the Minister for Solidarity between the Generations, were both dismissed. Their jobs were incorporated into a new "super-ministry" for social affairs under the Labour Minister, Jacques Barrot, who will oversee the reform of the welfare system.

The Cabinet, including 12 women, was reduced from 41 to 32, with four new arrivals and 13 departures, among them eight women.

The new streamlined Government underlines M Chirac's determination to reduce spending, reinforce the franc and ensure that France can meet the economic criteria for European monetary union. The franc gained ground yesterday and both the bond and stock markets reacted positively.

The Government includes several supporters of Edouard Balladur, the former Prime Minister and M Chirac's erstwhile presidential rival.

During his election campaign, M Chirac promised to create new jobs, cut taxes and mend France's tattered social fabric, but in a television interview on October 26 he moved away from those pledges in favour of a more rigorous austerity drive. Reducing the budget deficit, now more than 5 per cent of GDP, was the "priority of priorities", M Chirac said.

In its six months in office, the Juppé Government has faced steadily dwindling opinion polls, strikes, a wave of terrorist attacks, corruption allegations and growing concern over the economy.

> Cutting the budget deficit, more than 5 per cent of GDP, is the priority of priorities

A new poll published today in *Le Parisien* provides the first sign that the tide may be turning in the Government's favour — President Chirac's popularity jumped by ten points to 42 per cent, the poll found. Yesterday's reshuffle was a bid to stop the slide, and prove to both financial markets and the French public that budget deficit reduction will go ahead, particularly in welfare reform.

Next week M Juppé will present proposals for overhauling the unwieldy welfare system. Unions have called another strike for November 14 to protest at expected cuts in welfare.

M Juppé's first Cabinet was criticised as bulky, ill-defined and inexperienced. The new Cabinet, already nicknamed Juppé II, will forge "a more effective team", a government source said.

Rumours of a reshuffle have been building since mid-October, but most political observers predicted the President would wait until the new year, when budget discussions would be over, before making any radical changes.

The franc dropped sharply last month amid rumours that M Juppé might be forced to resign by a housing scandal, but without a credible alternative M Chirac decided to change his Cabinet rather than his Prime Minister.

Opponents claimed the reshuffle only underlined the Gaullist Government's fragility. "To my knowledge we have never seen a Government implode in this way, six months after it was created," Laurent Fabius, the former Socialist Prime Minister, said.

☐ **Brussels:** The reshuffle was welcomed in Continental capitals yesterday as proof that M Chirac was serious about shoring up monetary union (Charles Bremner writes).

The shake-up had been widely expected after M Chirac's apparent conversion to the merits of monetary rigour, pronounced on October 26, the day after a meeting with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor.

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The first Cabinet of Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, pictured on May 20 at the Elysée Palace with President Chirac, fell victim to falling popularity polls. His new-look Cabinet is reduced from 41 to 32, with four new arrivals and 13 departures. Among the departures were eight women

De Gaulle's glory gives no lustre to Chirac

BY BEN MACINTYRE

TWENTY-FIVE years after the death of General de Gaulle, hundreds of French soldiers will parade tomorrow before President Chirac, the self-proclaimed political heir to France's greatest 20th-century leader.

M Chirac will milk the occasion for every drop of reflected glory, but the comparison with his illustrious predecessor is hardly comfortable. This week French newspapers, magazines, television programmes and historians lavished praise on de Gaulle, recalling his wartime record, his postwar leadership and his haughty but majestic personality.

Battered by the lowest popularity ratings in recent French history, M Chirac may well be wondering tomorrow what went wrong.

One of his first acts on becoming the first Gaullist to occupy the Elysée for 21 years was to pay homage at the grave of "the commander", and in *Paris Match* this week, he penned a eulogy to de Gaulle: "Rarely in the past has a man or woman so embodied our country, its destiny, its aspirations, its calling, its culture." However, M Chirac has laid himself open to attack from those who insist that he is no De Gaulle. "The weight of the commander bears down on the Elysée, Chirac has to withstand an intolerable comparison," the *Evénément de Jeudi* said.

Others have suggested that De Gaulle would have have been appalled at the current state of France. "Rampant corruption, weakening political will, government prostration before corporatism, the country's mounting ungovernability are among the features that would have shocked the founder of the Fifth Republic," thundered political analyst Olivier Duhamel in this week's *L'Express* magazine.

M Chirac sought to prove his Gaullist *bona fides* soon after his election by boldly announcing the resumption of nuclear testing. When this was met with international condemnation, the President initially stood his ground but later cut back the number of tests.

M Chirac's enemies insist that a Gaullist search for "la gloire" is inappropriate to modern France, but some supporters grumble that the President's problems spring from a failure to behave more like his mentor.

Both with the resumption of nuclear testing and his aborted meeting with President Zeroual of Algeria, M Chirac gave advance warning of his plans, providing his enemies with ample time to mobilise. The general would simply have pressed the button, and then announced the fact.



De Gaulle: President Chirac is keen to match his mentor

NEWS IN BRIEF

War crimes tribunal attacks US

Washington: The chief prosecutor at a United Nations international war crimes tribunal has criticised American delays in divulging intelligence information needed to build criminal cases against those suspected of committing atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina (Tom Rhodes writes).

In a letter to the US Embassy in The Hague, Judge Richard Goldstone calls the "quality and timeliness" of information "disappointing".

Christian Chartier, for the tribunal, would not comment on speculation that information may have been withheld by America deliberately.

Polish winners

Warsaw: President Walesa and Aleksander Kwasniewski, the former Communist, are through to the second round of the Polish presidential elections on November 19, the poll commission said. *(Reuter)*

Lubbers setback

Washington: The Clinton Administration is reconsidering its support for Ruud Lubbers, the former Dutch Prime Minister, to succeed Willy Claes as Nato's next Secretary-General, sources said.

On the move

Addis Ababa: About 100 million people are refugees, displaced or migrants constantly moving across international borders, the World Council of Churches told a five-day conference. *(AP)*

Italy moves to lift ban on heirs of Savoy monarchy

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE flamboyant heir to the Italian throne, Prince Vittorio Emanuele, celebrated yesterday after the Italian parliament agreed in principle to amend the Constitution to allow him to return home after nearly 50 years in exile.

The main political parties from across the spectrum struck the accord in the constitutional affairs committee of the Senate on Monday night, in response to growing public pressure to end the ban imposed on the direct male heirs to the House of Savoy setting foot on Italian soil.

The parliamentary whip of the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left, Cesare Salvi, said: "The ban against the Savoys has become an anachronism. After 50 years the republic is very solid. The Savoys no longer frighten anyone." The monarchy was abolished in Italy in 1946 after a popular referendum in which republicans argued that the royal family had been discredited by its links with the Fascist dictatorship of Benito Mussolini.

Decisions reached overwhelmingly in parliamentary committee are normally endorsed by full sessions of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

Vittorio Emanuele, 58, and his son, Emanuele Filiberto, 22, live in exile in Switzerland. Vittorio Emanuele said he intends to make his homecoming by ferry, landing at Naples. "I want to return by sea, since I left by sea. I was nine years old when I left Italy," he told *Il Messaggero*.

His cousin, the Duke of Aosta, Amedeo of Savoy, who is the third in line to the throne and who was not affected by the ban, said on television that he hopes to run for the office of President of the republic if parliament adopts proposed reforms to introduce direct election of the head of state. Many Italians prefer the Duke of Aosta to Vittorio Emanuele, who caused national embarrassment when he was tried in a French court on charges of manslaughter.

The Prince was acquitted in the case, in which he was accused of firing a rifle from his yacht when it was moored off Corsica, fatally wounding a German tourist who was sleeping in a vessel near by.

The long-haired Emanuele Filiberto has grown in popularity in recent months because of his commentaries on first-division football games that have been broadcast in Italian homes on the television soccer programme *Quelli che il Calcio*.



Vittorio Emanuele: "I will return by sea"

Emanuele's support for first-division Juventus evidently spurred Susanna Agnelli, the Foreign Minister, whose family owns the club, to state last month that the prince and his father should be allowed to enter Italy.

The deal between the parties stopped short of granting an additional long-standing request by monarchists that the bodies of the last Kings of Italy, Vittorio Emanuele III and Umberto II, be brought back to Italy together with that of the late Queen Elena.

"I did not want to introduce this question as well for fear of throwing in jeopardy our agreement," said Senator Filiberto Scalone, of the "post-fascist" National Alliance, who proposed the constitutional amendment with the support of the conservative Forza Italia party, the Italian Popular Party (former Christian Democrats), and of the devolutionist Northern League. Only the hardline Marxist party, Rifondazione Comunista, opposed the agreement.

The parties ruled out the return of royal property, confiscated after Italians in a referendum in 1946 voted to abolish the monarchy, to the Savoys. Signor Scalone said the amendment will be debated in the upper house by December 15.

Vittorio Emanuele said he was surprised by the decision, given the political bickering in recent weeks. "I did not imagine they would think of us with the current climate in Italy."

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Norbert Blüm: fought the Cabinet decision

Germans given more time to buy

FROM OUR BONN CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time in almost 40 years, German shoppers will be allowed to buy provisions after 6.30pm and even on Saturday afternoons.

Yesterday's controversial Cabinet decision marks a watershed in German shopping habits. "It is a breakthrough," said Günter Rexrodt of the Free Democrats, the Economics Minister. "There will be an entirely new shopping culture."

Norbert Blüm, the Christian Democrat Labour Minister, fought against the changes, saying it would overburden shopworkers: "This was an attempt to find a middle way between the two extremes of doing nothing and doing everything."

German shops will be allowed to open between 6am and 8pm from Monday to Friday. On Saturday, shops can stay open until 4pm.

Bonn court lets pacifists call soldiers 'murderers'

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANS are free to describe soldiers as murderers, according to a constitutional court decision yesterday which cuts to the heart of the country's uneasy relationship with its army.

Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, criticised the verdict, while pacifists, who have been displaying "Soldiers are murderers" stickers and posters, were celebrating the ruling as a triumph for freedom of speech.

The phrase "soldiers are murderers" is a quotation from the Weimar poet and satirist, Kurt Tucholsky, and has become a rallying call for those protesting about Germany's more active military role overseas. The controversy over the phrase has been hanging over the fortieth anniversary of the Bundeswehr: at a recent torch-lit parade in the centre of Bonn, for example, demonstrators chanted: "Murderers, murderers!". Other protesters have been charged with libel for holding up "soldiers are murderers" placards during American military exercises in Germany and handing out leaflets denouncing army employees as "potential killers".

The constitutional court verdict yesterday — the second on the issue — made clear that it would still be against the law to approach a German soldier in a public house, for instance, and accuse him of murder: that would be a libel against an individual. But the broader use of the phrase is protected by the constitutional right to freedom of speech.

Herr Rühe could barely hide his irritation. "I am utterly dismayed that young men who have a legal obligation to serve in the army cannot be given matching legal protection against the slanderous portrayal of their profession."

Other Christian Democrats joined in the chorus of protest. At stake, they said, was the whole image of the German army at a time of upheaval. In the past four years the East and West German armies have been merged, overall troop numbers have been cut from 600,000 to 370,000, defence budget cuts have bitten deep and morale is reported to be low. At the same time, Nato and the United Nations are pressing Germany with more urgency to serve in missions in war zones such as the Balkans. That has ushered in a period of confusion, further compounded by historians who have dug up and publicised fresh evidence that the German army, not just the SS, was involved in the Holocaust.

Bayreuth: One Turk died and two others were injured when fire swept through their house in southern Germany on Monday night, police said yesterday. The cause of the blaze is being investigated, but a police spokesman declined to rule out a racially motivated arson attack. *(Reuter)*

"Just when we need good, honourable war heroes to show the young generation that it is possible to fight abroad with honour, we find more and more mud thrown at the army," a senior German officer said recently. The Social Democrats are pressing for army deserters from the Nazi era, thousands of whom were executed, to be declared the true German heroes of the Second World War, or at least to be rehabilitated.

The present row has prewar roots. The pacifist editor Carl von Ossietzky was sentenced to 18 months' jail in 1932 for publishing Kurt Tucholsky's statements. During his treason trial, he quoted Voltaire, Goethe, Kant and Herder, all of whom have described soldiers as murderers, executioners and butchers. Eventually, the editor was freed under an amnesty. Some years later he was sent to a concentration camp. Jurgen Trittin, the Greens' spokesman, was one of those celebrating the verdict yesterday. "Soldiers are paid to defend a democratic state," he said. "The central characteristic of democracy is the constitutional protection of freedom of speech."

☐ **Islamic conference:** The foreign ministers of Iran, Egypt, Pakistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina are among senior figures invited to participate in a conference on "Europe and the Islamic world" to be hosted by Germany in Bonn next Wednesday and Thursday.

The German Foreign Ministry said that the conference was intended to "foster open dialogue and help to dissipate negative images" of each other. *(AFP)*

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Details emerge of extraordinary hijack in Bay of Biscay

Almera heist executed with 'Bond' style precision

THE DRAMATIC off shore hijack of 5,594 brand new Nissan Almeras worth more than £50 million was executed with 'Bond' style precision, a police spokesman revealed last night.

Nissan's 15,586 tonne cargo ship, 'The City of Sunderland', disappeared from radar screens in The Bay of Biscay late last Tuesday night. Police are yet to confirm mysterious reports that a local fishing boat spotted another much larger ship in the area that failed to appear on radar. But 'The idea that one ship could swallow another is not beyond the bounds of credibility' a spokesman said.

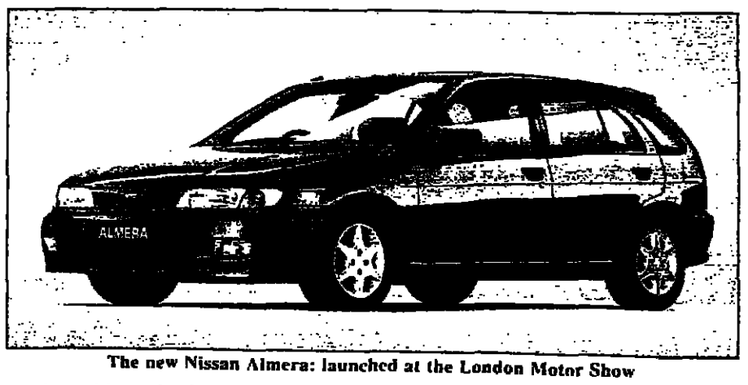
The new Nissan Almera was launched to great acclaim on October 19th and made a very favourable impression with critics at this year's Motor Show held at London's Earl's Court. Nissan are confident that the hijacked Almeras will not affect availability in the UK even though their showrooms have already reported record numbers of requests for test drives in the last two weeks.

A spokesman for Nissan told reporters 'When we launched the Almera in October we knew it would be a popular car, but this wasn't quite what we had in mind'.

The new Almera boasts levels of comfort and technology not normally associated with a family hatchback. All models feature Nissan's highly innovative Multilink Beam Suspension which was developed for Nissan's top of the range executive car, the QX.

Police have dismissed the theory that the heist may have been the work of a rival manufacturer as 'pure speculation', although they admit that whoever was behind the heist must have had huge financial resources.

Any member of the public wishing for further information on the new Almera should call 0345 66 99 66.



The new Nissan Almera: launched at the London Motor Show

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Shrines to Rabin desecrated as old enmities reignite

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM AND TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE deep divisions between Jews over the Middle East peace process re-emerged in a shocking fashion yesterday less than 72 hours after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Labour Prime Minister, by a right-wing Jewish extremist.

As the Israeli Government launched a crackdown on extreme right-wing militants, Israel Radio reported that some of the impromptu shrines erected in Mr Rabin's memory had been desecrated. A police investigation has been launched into a new sign painted in Jerusalem's Yosef Matityahu Street warning: "Rabin is a victim of peace and Peres is next in line".

The wreath-covered tomb of Mr Rabin on Mount Herzl has become a shrine, with thousands of Israelis praying in the rain. Many of them hope that Mr Rabin's murder, carried out by Yigal Amir, a student, will serve to consolidate the peace process. However, newly printed memorial posters of Mr Rabin in Jerusalem yesterday had been slashed. A pupil at one central Jerusalem school said: "Two people in my class cheered out loud when they heard of Mr Rabin's death. One said her parents had told her he was a traitor who spilt Jewish blood."

Israel Radio said that in the ultra-Orthodox suburb of Bnei Brak, near Tel Aviv, one of the street shrines erected by Rabin supporters had been set on fire and that articles placed in his memory at another site had been removed.

The murdered Prime Minister's widow, Leah Rain, yesterday accused the opposition Likud Party and Benjamin Netanyahu, its leader, of creating the climate of tension that led to her husband's death.

"Yes, surely I blame, surely I blame them," Mrs Rabin said in an interview with ABC News. "If you ever heard their speeches at the Knesset you would understand what I mean." She added: "They were very, very violent in their expressions: 'We are selling Israel down the drain. There will be no Israel after this peace agreement.' I mean this was wild."

Mrs Rabin, 47, agreed that she had been deliberately cold towards Mr Netanyahu during her husband's funeral procession in Jerusalem on Monday. Saying that she was "as cold as I could be", Mrs Rabin said she did not shun the politician's handshake which would have been "too much", although "he knew and we both understood that we would have both loved to avoid shaking each other's hand".

Elsewhere, preparations for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied West Bank were resumed yesterday after a 48-hour postponement prompted by Mr Rabin's funeral. Shimon Peres, the acting Prime Minister, promised that the original timetable would be adhered to strictly.

Speaking after meeting Mr Peres for more than an hour, John Major spoke optimistically of the chances of a new momentum for peace developing from Mr Rabin's murder.

"I would hope after the appalling events of the past few days that there might develop a momentum that will accept that the prize achieved, if it can be acheived, is the greatest single prize that the Middle East will have seen for generations and generations," the British Prime Minister said. "For that reason, it is worth the risk of carrying on, and I have no doubt that will happen."

Speaking to British reporters outside the Israeli Prime Minister's office, which is still surrounded by piles of memorial candles, Mr Peres promised that the future of the peace process would be the main consideration of the Government he is expected to form soon.

For the first time since the assassination, Mr Peres used his meeting with Mr Major and other foreign leaders to dampen speculation that he might heed the call of some Labour Party members and call an early election to cash in on the mood of revulsion against the extreme right wing that is sweeping through the country.

In theory, a general election does not have to be held until next November. "For us," Mr Peres said with determination, "the main consideration is the peace process. For us, to win peace is even more important than to win the elections ... Whatever we undertook [under Mr Rabin's leadership], we will implement."

Mr Major said that the best reason for optimism was what had already been acheived. As if to amplify his point, a few hours later Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan arrived to cement the peace with Israel and to pay his respects to the Rabin family.

☐ **Plan abandoned:** Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, has dropped plans to visit Palestine Liberation Organisation headquarters at Orient House in annexed east Jerusalem this week out of deference to Israeli feelings in the wake of Saturday's assassination.

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Yitzhak Rabin's killer, Yigal Amir, enters court



Muscovites celebrate the 78th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution yesterday. The Communists lead opinion polls for the State Duma elections next month

Red flags fly as Communists remember their revolution

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

TENS of thousands marched the 78th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution in central Moscow yesterday with one of the biggest Communist demonstrations since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Marchers with red flags filled every corner of Teatralnaya Square outside the Bolshoi Theatre in a demonstration that was partly an outpouring of nostalgia, partly a huge election rally for the Communist Party.

"The country is being torn apart by enemy hordes. Think, Russia, whom you are electing!" said one banner.

The Communists are well ahead in the opinion polls of the 40 or so electoral blocs competing in elections for the State Duma on December 17. The leader of the Communist Party, Gennadi Zyuganov, gave a carefully pitched speech in which he talked about the "best ideals of humanism", never once mentioning Lenin.

He concentrated on attacking the Government for creating, he said, 20 million unemployed, 15 million people going hungry and six million refugees. He said he wanted to see "state patriotic forces" triumph in the elections to the State Duma and be ready to form a "government of national trust".

"The state is run by the mafia," said Dmitri Petrov tersely, when asked why he was marching with the Communists. At 47, he was one of the younger marchers.

Lisbon halts work on dam project to save Stone Age art

BY EDWARD OWEN

PORTUGAL'S new Government yesterday halted work on a dam to save the world's largest collection of Stone Age engravings.

Antonio Guterres, the new Prime Minister, whose Socialist Government swept to victory in a general election a month ago, made the surprise announcement to parliament. He said one of the top items on his programme was to save the engravings at Foz Coa, in northeast Portugal, which were threatened by a huge dam.

Senhor Guterres said that work on the dam would be suspended and that a scientific investigation would start on the site, "however long it takes". The previous centre-right government of Social Democrats which had agreed to the construction of the dam by the Portuguese power company, EDP, had tried to play down the importance of the archaeological site, discovered only last year.

But the world's leading Stone Age and rock art experts as well as *The Times* had campaigned to save the engravings at the site on the Coa river, a tributary of the Douro that flows to Oporto. The site, where only 50 engravings were found initially, attained worldwide importance with perhaps more than a thousand roughly engraved Ice Age animals now known to have been carved on rock along the 14 miles of the valley that was to be flooded.

"The role of *The Times* was fundamental," said Mila Simões, a Portuguese rock art expert who had led the campaign to save the 20,000-year-old etchings. "The Portuguese will never stop thanking *The Times*."

During the parliamentary debate that followed the presentation of the new Socialist administration's programme, a fierce argument over the Government's decision to suspend the dam raged between Senhor Guterres and Mira Amaral, the former Social Democrat Industry Minister.

"You will go down in history as the man who tried to destroy the engravings of Foz Coa," Senhor Guterres said. "This is a victory for people who had the courage to speak out." Senhora Simões, who led an international protest for the Portuguese Association of Archaeology and Rock Art, said. She had the support of Paul Bahn, a best-selling author on archaeology and Ice Age expert, who lives in Hull, and Jean Clottes, a Frenchman, the world's leading rock art expert who advises Unesco and who pleaded for the dam to be suspended in an exclusive interview with *The Times* ten days ago.

M Clottes said: "My advice is, let's stop the dam. The Portuguese should be given time and money to protect and study the site during eight to ten years. At first only about 50 engravings were discovered but now there are probably thousands. It is of world importance, probably the biggest open air Palaeolithic site in the world."

John Crisostomo, an influential Portuguese expert who lives in New York, also played a key role in rallying experts against the dam. A Portuguese Socialist deputy, Eurico Figueiredo, had opposed the dam project, saying that it was unnecessary. He hinted that commissions to politicians and electricity company directors from the dam construction companies were at stake.

So far £19 million has been spent in the construction of the dam and the valley has been scarred with access tracks zigzagging down its side. But it is close to the wide, shallow river at the bottom that the engravings, some two yards high, were found. They depict ancient oxen with curling horns, horses with bucket-shaped snouts, and goats.



Guterres: order given scientific inquiry

US college hit by drugs scandal

FROM OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

THE US Naval Academy in Annapolis has been rocked by another scandal, this time involving drugs.

Five midshipmen face court martial for selling LSD and marijuana while at least 19 others may be expelled for using the drugs, the academy has announced.

The news is a further blow to the reputation of an institution that has produced the top officers of the Navy and Marine Corps for 150 years.

In 1989 there was a furore after at least eight male midshipmen handcuffed a female colleague to a urinal and, in 1992, 24 midshipmen were expelled for cheating.

The most recent scandal emerged after two midshipmen were arrested for selling LSD to undercover police officers three weeks ago. Within two days the academy had administered drug tests to all 4,000 midshipmen.

A spokesman said the academy was "obviously disappointed" by the drug abuse, but emphasised it had swiftly launched an investigation to eradicate the problem.

Wife's fear for Powell puts White House bid in doubt

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON was swirling with speculation yesterday about whether Yitzhak Rabin's assassination might dissuade General Colin Powell from running for President.

General Powell's wife, Alma, has long opposed him running in large part because she fears for his safety as the first serious black contender for the White House. "It just takes one nut," she has told friends.

One Republican consultant suggested that as the retired general neared his decision the Israeli Prime Minister's death could prove the "final straw". Another said: "You don't need three degrees in rocket science to figure out that the minute she heard about the assassination she turned to her husband and said 'See, see, see'."

Robert Dole's faltering presidential campaign will receive a major boost today when Stephen Merrill, New Hampshire's popular young Governor, is expected to announce his endorsement of the 72-year-old Senate leader.

Mr Merrill can swing his formidable political machine behind Mr Dole in the state that holds next February's critical first primary, and his announcement appears deliberately timed to warn off General Powell, whom he considers too liberal.

Voters went to the polls in numerous states and cities across the United States yesterday in the first real test of public sentiment since the Republicans seized Congress a year ago. They hope to capture their first southern statehouse since the civil war in Virginia, and Kentucky's governorship. In San Francisco, Frank Jordan, the Mayor, was seeking to defeat strong challenges for his job from Willie Brown, the former California Assembly Speaker, and Roberta Achtenberg, who was till recently the Clinton Administration's most senior gay official.

Mr Merrill's endorsement has been fervently sought by all the main Republican presidential candidates, and it is not hard to see why. He is popular, winning re-election last year with nearly 70 per cent of the vote. One of his predecessors, John Sununu, dramatically illustrated the power of the Governor's statewide organisation in 1988 by single-handedly rescuing the campaign of George Bush, then Vice-President, after his humiliation in the Iowa caucuses. Mr Bush rewarded Mr Sununu with the job of White House Chief of Staff.

Mr Merrill is expected to be named general chairman of Mr Dole's national campaign organisation. Independents can vote in New Hampshire's primary, and the latest poll gave General Powell 33 per cent support compared with 18 for Mr Dole.

Even before Mr Merrill's endorsement, Mr Dole had sought to compensate for the shallowness of his support by building probably the strongest organisation a candidate has yet assembled in New Hampshire. He was, after all, the man Mr Bush defeated in the 1988 primary and has vowed he will "absolutely not be out-organised in New Hampshire this time".

Since last February a dozen full-time staff led by Dave Carney, New Hampshire's top political aide, have constructed a huge pyramid of committed Dole supporters that already embraces tens of thousands of the state's Republicans. The total vote in the Republican primary rarely exceeds 175,000.

Not content with canvassing every individual, the Dole campaign is targeting 130 professional groups such as teachers, lawyers and accountants. "You do it person by person, kitchen by kitchen," said Mr Dole. "It's tedious, and it doesn't mean much — unless you want to win."

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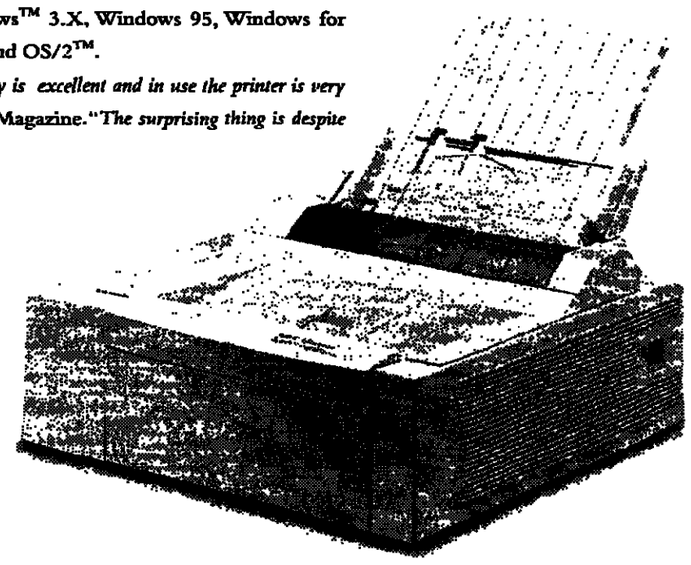
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RALPH LAUREN: A winning style from the designer's vintage show



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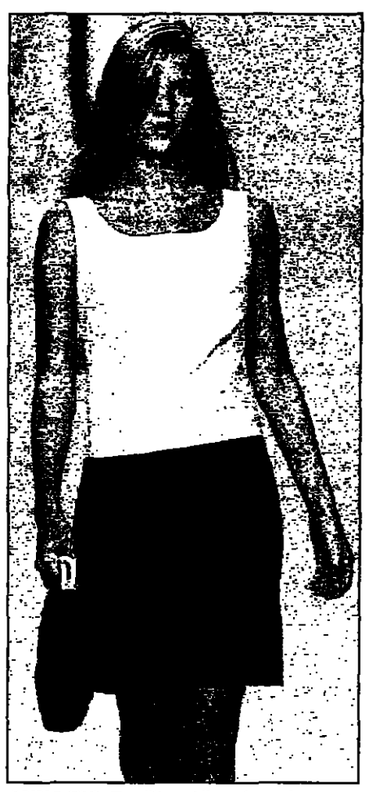
ISAAC MIZRAHI: The cut and colour combination of the season



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MARC JACOBS: Almost nothing to add

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NEW YORK

Fashion journalist of the year



IAIN R. WEBB

On the pavement on 42nd Street, outside the giant tents which housed the New York spring/summer 1996 fashion previews, an NYPD officer patrolling the block yawned. "Once you've seen one fashion show, you've seen 'em all," he said.

Having seen one show this season in New York, you did know pretty much what to expect from the others: a round neck, boxy jacket; a fly-front, longer-line jacket worn with pedal-pusher pants; a jacket with a zip; a fit 'n' flair shift dress; a long, matt jersey dress in a block of colour; a dress, jacket or shirt with a wide 1950s neckline; something in flesh pink — the Americans call it "nude"; something in creamy leather and anything in shantung silk. Oh, and a pair of barely-there sandals.

The problem, you see, is "Spare Chic", which is all the rage on Seventh Avenue, New York's rag-trade district. I mean, how spare can a collection be? How understated can a designer become without losing his or her identity?

The good news is that the clothes are user-friendly and flattering. They are undeniably chic — spare or otherwise.

Three looks which will sail into summer from Ralph Lauren's show are his shantung silk trousersuits (in shades of blue from ice to Gitane-packet), his long, sensuous jersey evening dresses in bright colours, and his mac, sweater and trouser combination.

Where Lauren is supremely elegant, Calvin Klein and Donna Karan prefer modern. Both designers presented clean-cut collections which featured slinky, matt jersey, soft leathers and lots of black and white. Where Klein favoured pale blue, nude and custard cream, Karan offered a stronger palette: chestnut, lime, canary yellow, orange, pink, and silver grey. The accent of both collections being easy, pull-on/shrug-off clothes.

An old-school designer who can still cut the cloth with a minimalist edge is Bill Blass. His dress and coat ensembles are gorgeous. His sleeveless polo-neck sweater with sequin skirt is dynamic, and his knitted pin-stripe twinset and cigarette trousers are as slick as fashion can be.

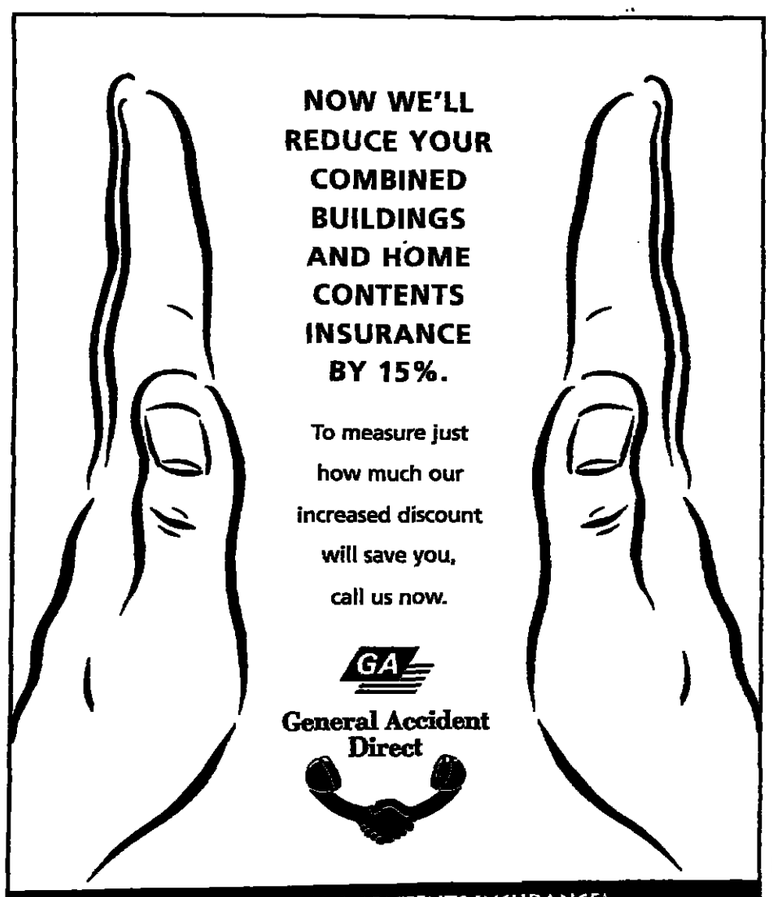
Marc Jacobs may try to design downtown dowdy chic, but his use of glamour fabrics, such as taffeta, shantung silk, silk jersey, brocade, lace and crystal beading, turns his essentially downtrodden looks into something special.

There are no pretensions at Michael Kors. The designer still shows in his cramped showroom and continues to pursue his own brand of simplicity. For summer he offers boxy tunics worn with shorts or short skirts, rib knits, sleek tailoring and strapless evening gowns in predominantly neutral shades highlighted with orange, yellow and vivid apple green.

Of the rest, Isaac Mizrahi did 1950s chic a little too authentically; Anna Sui did two collections in one — trad chic and bad chic; Ghost got stuck in the lingerie department; Norma Kamali gave a retrospective of her greatest hits; and Victor Alfaro's streamlined looks make him a name to watch.

Overall, New York looked great, but sometimes just all too familiar. At the DKNY show at the beginning of the week, Liza Minnelli turned up in the front row and the press went mad. She was there again at the last show. Donna Karan's mainline collection, but the buzz was not as enthusiastic. It is not that she wasn't still fabulous, it is just that we had kind of been there before.

As the cop said: "Once you've seen one Liza Minnelli, you've seen 'em all."



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The backbench widows

Why one Tory MP's wife has decided to speak out about the thankless life of the political spouse

They wear floral frocks from the nearly-new shop and sport a regulation blonde bob and hairband. They spend their days apportioning pitches at the village *fête and their* nights curled up on the sofa with a gin, watching their husbands on *Newsnight*. They nurse a secret passion for Michael Portillo and have nightmares about arriving naked at the constituency annual dinner. The life of the Tory wife is one of unstinting drudgery and unshakeable loyalty, of total discretion and *perfunctory recognition*.

"Once I was having quite a serious operation and the whips wouldn't allow John out of a vote," recalls Vanessa Hannam, wife of Sir John Hannam, the Member for Exeter. "When we had our dog put down, however, that was understood. I think that shows where wives stand in the pecking order."

Lady Hannam, 55, has been a Tory wife for 14 years. Sir John is her second husband. she is his second wife. "For a while after I married him, several constituents called me Wendy [his first wife]."

Tonight Lady Hannam appears in *Modern Times*, a BBC2 documentary about these dutiful spouses, whom she describes as "Stepford wives". "I find their loyalty to a system which makes them and their families such victims rather puzzling," she says. "Look at all the broken marriages, resentful wives, resentful children.

"When one MP's wife, who had spent her life organising wonderful bazaars and coffee mornings, died, I asked where the memorial service would be. I was very snottily informed that 'women don't have memorial services'."

Hers is a lone voice of dissent, set against a chorus of weary resignation. Wives who live in the constituency get used to attending parents' evenings alone and communicating with their husband through letters left on the lavatory seat.

"I know a very distinguished Tory wife who spent the summer rushing from hospital to hospital, where various members of her family were ill," says Lady Hannam. "She kept being asked 'Where is your husband?'. She said: 'I have never expected him to be with me. I have always coped on my own.' "

Exactly the right attitude, according to Sally Neubert, wife of the member for Romford and chairman of the Conservative Wives' Association. Lady Neubert says: "When wives complain to me about the absence of their husbands, I say to them: 'Did you know he was a political animal when you married him? What do you expect? Is self-gratification all you want?' If they would only fall in with his plans they would be so much happier."

Of course, everyone feels a bit down occasionally, which is when Lady Neubert comes into her own, arranging day trips to stately homes and talks on knot-tying. "I'm here to cheer them up. They can tackle a problem better once they have had one or two nice jaunts," she says.

Lady Hannam has never been on such a jaunt. "I don't want to sit listening to Teresa Gorman who has condescended to come to talk to us about hot flushes. I find it quite insulting to women's intelligence."



JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

Life is considerably easier for Labour wives. "They are not expected to play Lady Bountiful. The whole ball game is quite different," says Lady Hannam.

A backbencher's wife must struggle to run a home on a salary less than that of the assistant chef's at the House of Commons. "Constituents dressed in brand-new Jaeger complain about all the perks you are getting, when you are scouring the racks at Oxfam." says Lady Hannam, who looks exceedingly glamorous in her cast-offs.

"Recently I attended a party and Number 11 and Gillian Clarke told me she is allowed two fake flower arrangements a year. Daffodils in winter, roses in summer. When Thérèse Lawson was there I remember her telling me how she had to vacuum up cheese footballs after cocktail parties, because the cleaning allowance was so small, and how they were told that they could get in window cleaners for the upper floors, but it was assumed they could clean the ground-floor windows themselves. Personally, I would like to think that the wife of the Chancellor was qualified to do better things than clean windows.

"I could not have afforded to marry John if I had not already paid off the mortgage," continues Lady Hannam, who lives in a splendid house in an unfashionable part of south London, where she will not let me walk unaccompanied to the Tube. Her husband is retiring at the next election ("That's why I can speak out") and is hoping for a consultancy. "At last we won't be living on peanuts."

There are some perks, however. "A few years ago John handed me a circular, saying I really must take advantage of this. It was an offer for wives and secretaries to have a free cervical smear, in a parked van outside the Admiralty. A footnote added you must bring a dressing gown, because there might be a long wait."

No wonder more and more MPs are letting their constituencies know that their wife will not be available for the church tea rota, because she has enough to do holding down her job in the City. Sleaze-wary career politicians, now forced to register every cheese sandwich and glass of ginger beer, are relying on their wives to send the children to public school and pay the vet's fees. Mr Portillo is married to a recruitment consultant who earns more than £250,000 a year; John Patten's wife, Louise, earns six figures as a headhunter.

Gail Redwood, the wife of John, is a company secretary for British Airways, and in *Modern Times* she describes how, during this summer's leadership election, work became a sanctuary from the press camping on the lawn.

Lady Hannam, who is writing a screenplay about a politician's beleaguered family, tells the story of an MP's wife who, when addressing the local party, asked if they would like to ask any questions about her high-flying career. "There was total silence and eventually someone said 'Is it true that that Cecil Parkinson is as attractive as they say he is?' "

● Modern Times: Tory Wives, *BBC2, 9pm*

ADRIAN BROOKS



Vanessa Hannam: her husband got time off over their dog, but not for her operation

George Walden on how this year's judges chose fiction's top prize

Why Pat Barker won the Booker

Asked about the state of a certain country, a writer described it as "a vegetating catastrophe". Like all good phrases it has multiple applications. You look at yourself in the morning mirror and you think: "I am a vegetating catastrophe." You switch on the news and you begin to think the whole country is a vegetating catastrophe. Though the writer, Céline, was not talking about Britain, but Russia. The British do not go in for catastrophes. We are content to vegetate. And as long as you vegetate you are staving off catastrophe.

So what of the state of our literary culture? When you read first-rate prose, like that of *The Ghost Road* by Pat Barker, sometimes you feel you are snatching illicit pleasures on the sly. Usually we are called on to applaud everything indiscriminately, and to ask no questions. In this sense the British live under a kind of benign, democratic tyranny: the tyranny of ordinariness. The victims, of course, are ordinary, intelligent people who are encouraged to aspire, at the most, to the mediocre.

A year or two ago, I presented the prizes to sixth-formers in a secondary school. I made my speech about the importance of literature for our heritage and suchlike, and began handing out the prizes — books the pupils had chosen themselves.

Then I made a mistake. I looked at the books. Six "bonkbusters", four stories for weirdos, and three copies of a cruel satire on politicians popular at the time. Naturally, no one said anything. In tyrannies you learn to watch your tongue. The mayor beamed and the vicar looked on indulgently, while the representative of the people went on handing out trash with his indiscriminate smile.

Our tyranny of ordinariness is flourishing. Market conditions are highly favourable. Dissident voices mutter about a devaluation of the currency, but they are merely displaying their ignorance of economics. The more devalued your cultural currency, the more you sell.

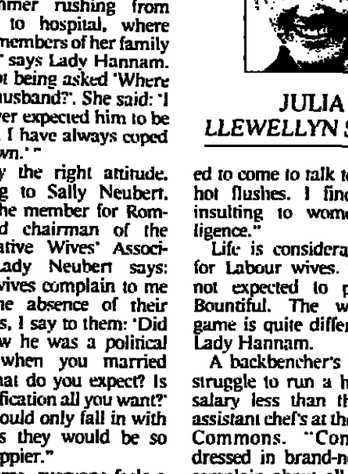
The most productive authors — the Stakhanovites of mediocrity — are generously rewarded. If you write a bad enough book, you earn millions, you are read by the Prime Minister, and you end up in the House of Lords. If you write a brilliant novel, you are dealt with accordingly. You get a modest cheque, a free meal and a grumbling speech from a retiring backbencher.

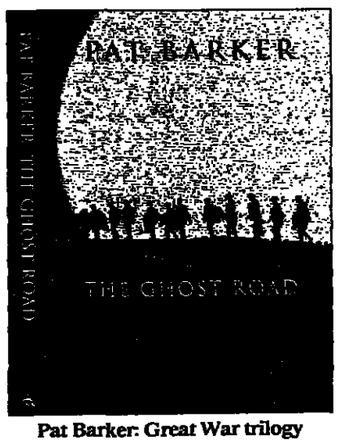
The abolition of the Net Book Agreement will be a boon for ordinariness. It will drive highbrow books off the shelves and keep them where they belong: preferably behind the author's high brow.

Dissident voices complain of a declining culture, but then how do you define *culture*? There used to be a Soviet joke. Question: How do you catch a lion? Answer: Easy. You catch a rabbit and you beat it until it confesses to being a lion. Culture is what the commissars of ordinariness say it is. If the commissars say a rabbit is a lion, then a lion it is.

Broadcasters, voluntarily or otherwise, are the propagandists of ordinariness. Only recently, Radio 3 appointed someone with the specific task of keeping the tone down. Art is encouraged as modernism — brilliant in its day — is repackaged as something totally new, and most extraordinary. In the old days you produced the art first then looked for somewhere to display it. Now you buy the display premises first then order up the art.

Such are the economics of creativity that £50 million invested in a derelict power station will buy you £50 million worth of art.





Pat Barker: Great War trilogy

Investment in art will put us well ahead of international competitors, much of whose art is obsolescent. The French store some of their old art in a disused railway station, the Gare d'Orsay. Not only will our art be more up-to-date than theirs: our power station is bigger than their railway station. So we shall have much more art than them.

Intellectuals pose a threat to tyrannies, though we should keep it in proportion. The British can be over-sensitive about being thought to be too intellectual. Like anorexic girls who worry about getting fat. It is not as if intellectualism were a virus on the loose. The authorities have it well in hand. Already the newspapers, Parliament, television and the radio are almost thought-free zones. There are pockets of resistance, but one day we shall be able to claim that in these islands of ours intellectualism, like rabies, has been largely wiped out.

The tyranny of ordinariness drives good young writers underground and into artistic introversion. Which is why we have more and more novels about novelists. Alternatively, they can escape into the past. I say this because so few of the Booker entries tackled modern England. Are our writers, by their silence, making a point? Is there something *wrong with England? Why do they shy* away from us? Do we give off a bad smell, like old vegetation?

The flight from the present is becoming a general phenomenon. If the past is another country, then we are facing a sort of mass emigration. Nostalgia is becoming our heavy industry.

In the general retreat to the past all classes and conditions meet. The Prince of Wales oversees the construction of pastiche villages. Seamstresses busy away at costumes for television adaptations of old-time novelists. Nationalist politicians, sensing the mood, desperately give the breath of life to long-dead enemies. Even avant-garde artists have turned archaeologist. They dig up old jokes and present them as new, like ageing comedians, hoping that no one has heard them before. Meanwhile, armies of biographers ransack history for subjects and unearth terrible scandals, proving beyond doubt that they had sex then too. Yes, even Gladstone.

In *Art and Illusion*, Sir Ernst Gombrich, that brilliant and playful critic, inadvertently provided a means to define a culture. All you do is ask yourself whether a picture, a book, or a piece of music is ping or pong, dead or alive? What goes for art is true of whole societies. At some point you have to decide when an entire era is over, or whether you are going to re-ive it endlessly. What do we want? *Movement or stagnation? A vibrant* country or a patch of overgrown vegetation? Ping or pong, dead or alive?

Adapted from the speech by George Walden MP at the Booker Prize dinner last night

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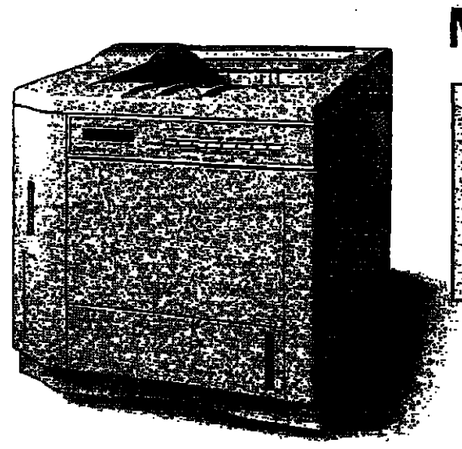
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Put the heart back into communities

Jack Straw outlines plans to revive our sense of responsibility

Britain must move from dependency back towards mutual responsibility if it is to re-establish vibrant community life. It would be idle to ignore the mounting evidence of individuals, families, and communities under great pressure, in some cases fractured, with little in the way of mutual support. Civic society depends more and more on a declining band of committed volunteers, while six out of ten registered voters do not even vote in local elections.

Most parents do not now allow their children to play outside unsupervised. Half of all women are afraid to drive alone at night through city areas. The proportion of parents who let their children walk to school unaccompanied has fallen by more than half in a decade, from 70 to 30 per cent. So when people call for "more bobbies on the beat" they make a profound statement about the importance of street life. They are saying that they want visible reassurance.

But the most powerful cause of community breakdown is economic insecurity. Many people, especially those unemployed or on low incomes, end up trapped at home, their lives effectively privatised. And, as the gap between the price of a pint in a pub and that of a can of lager from a supermarket has widened, leisure for many on low incomes, especially those without the social network of a workplace, means the television or video, not the more socially active entertainment involved in going out.

> Noise is a prime example of people's selfishness

The decline in the health of communities has been exacerbated by the something-for-nothing, me-first society — a society in which people have been encouraged to take what they can for themselves, without contributing to the common good, and one which disowns responsibility.

This over-emphasis on rights, to the near exclusion of duties and responsibilities, has two consequences. First, our natural tendency towards selfishness has been reinforced. Take just one example, which now badly affects around one in five households: noise. Many people believe that their "right" to play loud music exceeds their duty not to disturb their neighbours. The consequences are dreadful for the victims.

Secondly, the notion of dutiless rights has made rights appear like consumer items on a supermarket shelf. But far from providing people with more real freedom, this puts people in the position of dependants. In turn, this has led to a feeling of powerlessness in the face of an overweening State, which has been strongly reinforced by the Tories' transfer of power from the elected representatives of local communities to both the central State and to "quangos", and by a process which has treated us all as customers first and citizens last.

So how can we move back to mutual responsibility? Primarily, we have to ensure that everyone in society can share in that most fundamental of community activities — work. Work is not only the means by which people sustain themselves, it is also the way they gain a stake in their community.

But we must also strengthen the institutions which bond communities together. Ending central government's capping of local authority budgets will make locally elected representatives much more responsible for the decisions they take on behalf of their neighbourhoods. Add the development of schemes for elected mayors, along American lines, and the introduction of annual elections all over the country and we could see a genuine renewal of local democracy.

There also has to be change not only in what government does, but in how it does it. Major reforms should be brought about only with the active consent of people, either by explicit endorsement of a specific manifesto commitment or by referendum.

Labour is already proposing two referendums. One, to give people the chance to choose which voting system they want for Westminster elections, and one to allow the people of each region in England to determine whether they wish to have an elected regional assembly.

The most important change, however, involves a change in attitude. We need to break out of the language of dutiless rights, and begin insisting upon mutual responsibility. Rights and duties go hand in hand. That is why, in return for action to deal with unemployment, to give young people a guarantee of a job or training, to tackle homelessness and to provide proper treatment facilities for drug and alcohol abusers, I have argued that the community should expect responsible behaviour from all. Respect should be a two-way street.

Labour wants British law to proclaim the rights which we enjoy as citizens. We shall incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law, to enable British citizens to uphold their rights in British courts. Then we will establish a British Bill of Rights. Its success will depend on the extent of the public's sense of "ownership", and commitment to it. What is needed is a great public debate about what rights are fundamental in our society. That debate must balance rights and duties.

Achieving this measure of cultural change will be difficult. If politicians are to ask others to accept a greater measure of responsibility, they must start by doing so themselves. This means being responsible for their public actions, as MPs or ministers, and for the probity with which they conduct those public duties — which is why the Nolan inquiry has been so important. Leadership requires example.

This article is taken from the Shadow Home Secretary's Ambassador's Lecture, delivered last night.



A place for advocates

MPs ought to represent vested interests — be paid, and declare them

As a full moon rose over Westminster on Monday night, a collective lunacy took hold of the place. Madness began in Downing Street but raced through the streets and corridors, until by 7 o'clock the banks of the Thames were lined with 600 politicians baying to the sky.

At that moment the entire Cabinet voted at John Major's bidding for a disreputable measure in which none of them believed and on which they knew they would be beaten. The measure was to allow MPs to keep secret how much money they are paid to lobby on behalf of outside interests. Parodying Melbourne's definition of loyalty, John Major pleaded that his friends support him not only when they knew he was wrong but when they knew he knew he was wrong. His hapless aide, Tony Newton, was then sent round to the BBC to perjure himself by declaring that nobody had been whipped and the vote was "free". He did not explain why ministers sneaked through the government lobby that night wearing dark glasses and holding their noses.

Those who daily examine British politics try to make sense even of its more putrid entrails. They reveal how, at some private meeting, Tom told Dick he thought he could "swing" Harry . . . that the PM was up north when the whips promised ten votes from Bob . . . that with hindsight so-and-so's bluff might have been called . . . that unfortunately Lord Pooh-Bah had a dinner.

Policy thus proceeded down the Royal Road from common sense to the kingdom of fiasco. Yet this search for sanity is important. We must believe that, despite appearances, government is a rational activity conducted by sensible people. Otherwise we go mad.

Monday's sleaze vote defies such analysis. Last summer Mr Major was in a quandary over the Nolan report on parliamentary ethics. He personally supported it, as did his colleagues. When told that a handful, even a bucketful, of the less reputable Tory backbenchers did not like the proposals, bluntly because they had much to hide, he funked a confrontation and booted the proposals to another committee. The committee was minded to agree with Nolan, until the whips panicked at the size of the "disreputable" faction.

Ethics and tactics both now pointed in the same direction. Mr Major could have faced down the Disreputables and whipped through the Nolan proposals, knowing that the House as a whole would have passed them with opposition support. Or he could have had nothing to do with the matter, on the reasonable ground that the ethics of MPs are for the Commons collectively, not the Government, to determine. He would vote on the day as his conscience determined. Again the Disreputables would have been defeated. Either would have suited Mr Major.

In the event, his wits seem to have deserted him. He encouraged the committee chairman, Mr Newton, to vote for non-disclosure in the hope that this would appease the Disreputables. Labour duly said it would insist on disclosure when the matter came to the Commons, safe in the knowledge that on a free vote many Tories would agree with it. Mr Major was outsmarted. He was like a bemused actor who had wandered into the wrong camp in a Shakespeare history play. The Disreputables seized him and hypnotised him. He became their willing prisoner and dragged his colleagues after him, which they will not readily forgive.

Since his leadership triumph in July, Mr Major has had the aura of some undeclared interest, some deal with person or persons unknown, some alien spirit hovering on his shoulder. Mephistopheles has taken up residence in the Downing Street attic, and whispers instructions through the walls. "Two souls, alas, dwell in my breast," Mr Major cries with Faust. He is at the mercy not so much of the Right — he at last means to face them down over divorce — as of anyone who says boo to him loudly enough. When that includes the Disreputables, there is no telling to whom the Government of the country is now accountable, or vulnerable.

We cannot look for salvation to the other side. Labour made a mockery of this free vote by hauling MPs back from their freebies, junkets and "fact-finding missions" (even from China and Australia) to ensure a full turnout against the Government. Anything less like a great profession deliberating on the reform of its ethical code is hard to imagine. To the Shadow Cabinet, this was a gifted opportunity to give the Tories a bloody nose. Personal conscience could go hang. For Labour MPs, conscience should display the same felicitous identity with the views of Tony Blair as the Tory conscience did with the views of Mr Major. One of the marvels of British politics is how precise is this moral convergence of MP and party.

Monday's actual decisions were mostly daft. Financial disclosure is only controversial to MPs who live in towers of the most exquisite ivory. MPs are entitled to privacy in their private incomes, but not in the private supplements they receive for work linked to their parliamentary duties. Were a civil servant or minister found receiving similar secret payments, he would have to resign. Were a doctor to recommend a course of treatment because he was secretly in the pay of a drugs company, he too would be disciplined. Were a journalist to write an article plugging a company of which he was an undisclosed paid servant, he would be fired.

MPs have no mystical immunity from such ethical constraints. Yesterday, two of the Disreputables, Sir Michael Neubert and Michael Stern, said that they might disobey the new rules. I wonder how they would react if their own professional advisers concealed secret payments from them in this way. Yet Mr Major's Cabinet voted to maintain secrecy. They can hardly now stand up and lecture the nation on the need for openness in public or corporate life.

Where I part company with the new rules is over the ban on paid advocacy when openly disclosed. Advocacy is the essence of a parliamentarian's job. Parliament is supposed to be an assembly of the nation. It is elected on a territorial basis, but it no longer legislates or deliberates that way. Almost every substantive argument concerns public or private corporate interests, clashing or colluding with the rights of consumers, claimants, institutions and professions. As in a court of law, such interests should be represented, and other than through the mouths of ministers.

A deliberative chamber without advocates is a game of charades. To pretend that an MP should sit in Parliament to represent only the interests of a geographical constituency and his party leadership is archaic. It concedes the dominance of government business over the vocation of politics. In centralised Britain, territorial constituencies are becoming no more relevant to government than were the pre-1832 rotten boroughs. In my view, MPs should be paid by any company, trade union, lobbyist or good cause they like. They should be allowed, indeed encouraged, to pursue the interests of groups as well as territories in the House. They should be free to earn as much as they can in the open market, and use the Commons as their forum. A forum *is* a marketplace, properly so called. The one absolute requirement is that every interest and remuneration should be declared.

Simon Jenkins

Strip away interest and Parliament is merely a monument to political history. It becomes lobby-fodder, a band of emasculated, ill-paid, gagged-and-bound footsoldiers at their party's call. It is a group of silent candidates awaiting the lure of office and resigning when office has discarded them. The one thing we assume politicians are good at is political advocacy. To deny them this role, or the wherewithall to perform it, is absurd. Yet this is what the Commons has just done. The baby of advocacy has been thrown out with the bathwater of disclosure.

The Nolan debate was a chance for the Commons to tear up its professional assumptions and modernise them. For 12 years Margaret Thatcher resisted serious parliamentary reform. A radical in matters far from her office, she was deeply conservative towards her immediate environment. She also knew that an unreformed Parliament was where she shone. It posed no threat to the prerogatives of executive power in Britain. Mr Major has shown he means to keep it that way, even if occasionally Parliament turns and tweaks his nose.

Alan Coren



■ I'm afraid the warrant's not ready — can you come back Tuesday?

My very good friend the milkman says that I've been losing too much sleep. He doesn't like the hours I keep.

He didn't say this to me, mind, he said it to his very good friend the detective sergeant, who, of course, immediately pulled me in for questioning. He wanted to know why I was walking up and down the road clad only in a dressing gown at 6am. I said I was looking for my very good friend the milkman because we had run out of semi-skimmed, but the DS invited me to pull this one because it had bells on, did I honestly expect him to believe it was just a coincidence that I was wandering the streets improperly clothed at that very moment when women might be getting up and dressing in front of uncurtained windows? I pointed out that I did indeed buy a bottle from the milkman, also six eggs and a sliced brown, and the DS said: "Yes, well, you would, wouldn't you, once he had clocked you, but fortunately for the community there are no flies on your milkman, he is ever on the alert to implement dairy policy regarding dodgy behaviour of customers."

Not that I need to tell you any of this, you will already have read all about it thanks to the sergeant's very good friend the tabloid hack. You have not, however, read about my tricky little contretemps at the dry cleaner's, since my grey flannel suit is still undergoing forensic tests and it could be days before national attention is brought to the fact that when I went to collect it yesterday, my very good friend the dry cleaner said that his staff had reported a number of stubborn marks, and it was now company policy not to treat these before the Serious Stains Squad had had a good look, lest essential evidence be destroyed, eg, rat poison, Semtex, crack, blood, harmful additives as specified in EU directive 446/279 b, or anything else of an iffy nature, ha-ha-ha, he trusted he did not have to draw pictures, we were both men of the world.

I have to say that I was somewhat irritated at not being able to pick up my grey flannel suit, it is a long walk to the dry cleaners, and one fraught with discomfort, given that I have to pass the establishment of my very good friend the butcher, who recently dialled 999 to report that I had asked him to deliver a stuffed loin of pork. This, he told them, was the first time in he did not know how many years that he had been asked to sfuff one for us, he knew for a fact that my wife liked to prepare pork loin herself, and — here's a funny thing — he had not seen Mrs Coren for some days, and since it was company policy to draw attention to the possibility that a regular customer might have been buried under the rockery, he had not messed about. Fortunately, my wife got to the door before the Flying Squad kicked it in, and was able to persuade them that she was indeed who she claimed, thanks, it must be said, to the testimony of a number of paparazzi who have been camped out in the front garden for the past few weeks waiting to see whether she will be charged with anything when she goes to collect her shoes, given that our very good friend the cobbler had let it be known that ten pairs of high-heels borders, in his professional opinion, on the fetishistic.

You will, I suppose, have been wondering why, a couple of sentences back, I had to walk to the dry cleaners, when you know that I have a perfectly good car. The fact is that my car has been taken away by the police for spectrum analysis on the advice of my very good friend the local service manager, to whom it was reported by the mechanic replacing its brake pads in order to make it perfectly good that he had found two tubes of Smarties in the glove compartment and an old raincoat in the boot, items of which all middle-aged motorists were required by head office to give satisfactory account before their cars could be returned to them.

I do not, let me quickly say, object to any of this. Since the current zealotry is, I'm sure, directly attributable to the policy of my very good friend the Home Secretary that we must all watch one another or die, how could I? If eternal vigilance is the price of freedom, it surely cannot matter a jot if freedom is the price of eternal vigilance.

Club class

A YOUNG butler has been sacked from Peter de Savary's Scottish playground for millionaires, the Carnegie Club at Skibo Castle, after he and two colleagues went on a spree in the grounds.

The trio commandeered an electric golf-buggy and drove it to the club's Olympic-sized pool. They are said to have played dodgems with buggies on a green of the championship course. And they broke into the pool for a dip in the small hours. Security staff heard their splashes.

Yesterday, de Savary, the former America's Cup yachtsman who once owned both Land's End and John o'Groat's, said the caper was a youthful folly: "The youngsters were drunk and behaved very foolishly. One has been let go and the other two have been seriously reprimanded. We will not tolerate such behaviour. All our staff have been reminded they must abide by the rules or face the consequences."

Annual membership of the residential sports club costs £2,000. "We are very careful with security. This is an exclusive club and guests don't expect staff to behave like that. We had to let one young man go as a warning to the others."

● *As Editor of* The Sunday Telegraph, *Charles Moore cut a dash in the classical world by encouraging his readers to learn Latin. But now he runs* The Daily Telegraph *his touch appears to have left him. In an editorial comment yesterday on Diego Maradona's appearance at Oxford University, the* Telegraph *referred to Gladstone and Curzon as "alumnae" of the Union. My Latin Primer says they must therefore have been female — unless Moore meant "alumni".*



"Nolan is still more entertaining"

THE TIMES DIARY

Colonised

THE HONG KONG Governor, Chris Patten, is being wooed by constituency associations, which are urging him to stand as their next MP. Even though he is supposedly tied to Hong Kong until mid-1997, local activists see him as a potential leader and want him to stand at the general election.

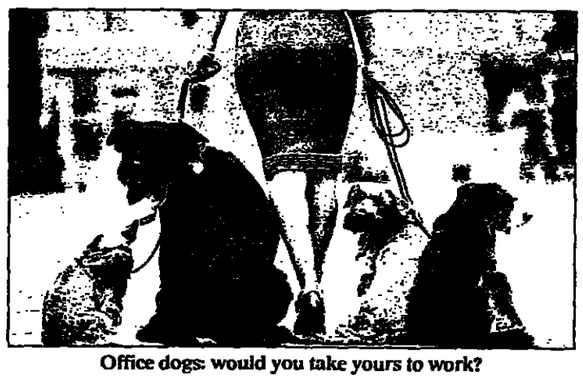
After Monday's humiliating defeat for John Major, Patten is again being seen as the great white hope. Chippenham Conservative Association in Wiltshire, searching for a replacement for its present MP, Richard Needham, who is standing down, is said to have written to him, although the local chairman, John Mortimer, refused to comment. Leading lights in the Harrogate association are also in pursuit of Patten's trim figure — and friends suggest his head could be turned by such flattering approaches.

Out of puff

AN UNATHLETIC Oxford University student has arrived in New York to run in the city's marathon after losing a wager. Heinrich Pezold, 23, admits it will be his first exercise for eight years.

Pezold, a postgraduate history student at Wolfson College, bet a friend that he would not buy him a business-class airline ticket from London to New York. "If you do, I shall run the marathon," he said. The 1993 conversation was forgotten until he opened the post last month in London. Inside was a business-class air ticket and registration documents for the New York marathon. "I shall try my best and hope to finish," said the poor Pezold yesterday of his Wodehousian fate. "The last time I took any exercise was at my grammar school. My sports teacher threw me out of the class."

● *Although Pat Barker will be popping open the champagne after winning the Booker Prize for* The Ghost Road, *she takes a cynical view of such plaudits. Only last month she told a colleague: "Book prizes are a necessary evil. I know, intellectually and in my bones, that it's just three lemons in a row."*



Office dogs: would you take yours to work?

Dog's body

THE LATEST lifestyle tip from the grandes dames of chic: take your dog to work. The offices of *Tatler* are overrun, and journalists claim they are the happier for it.

Snarling clashes between the social editor's cocker spaniel, Olly, and the deputy editor's West Highland terrier, Steptoe, are commonplace. The carpets and furnishings are furred over with doghair. And staff turned a blind eye during one editorial meeting as the Westy made diverting amorous advances towards a pekinese.

"It's a social thing," says the magazine's Editor, Jane Proctor, who brings in her Armani-coloured cairn terrier, Kenzo. "I wouldn't dream of leaving my dog at home all day, and it reduces stress in the office. We have fascinating meetings."

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LIFE AFTER NOLAN

After the vote, the real reckoning begins

The full implications of the changes to parliamentary rules agreed on Monday night will only gradually become clear. The disclosure of fees for outside work and the ban on paid advocacy ought to enhance both the performance of MPs and the esteem in which they are held. But progress is likely to be uneven. Politicians and voters will be digesting these issues for months to come.

The immediate political impact is the easiest to discern. John Major will win thanks neither from his party nor from the country for his opposition to openness. Those of his backbenchers who voted against disclosure are furious that they were defeated and blame their leader for having set up the Nolan committee at all. Those who voted for the Labour amendment may have burnished their own reputations but still feel tarnished by the general stain on the character of the party that Mr Major's resistance to change will have brought. Most angry perhaps will be those Tory MPs who voted for the party line out of loyalty alone: however grave their doubts, they will find themselves vilified in their constituencies come the next general election campaign.

For a Prime Minister who is supposed to excel at party management and tactical wiles, the Nolan affair has been a humiliating episode. It does not augur well for the "relaunch" after his leadership victory. Even before the vote, it was clear that the Tories could only lose: disclosure would be a defeat for a motion backed by Mr Major; resistance to disclosure would entrench the public view of the Conservatives as the party of sleaze.

But what of the MPs themselves and the causes with which they have been associated? Lobbyists, pressure groups and companies will still seek to influence the views of Members. The best, as they always have, will do so by the strength of their case. Money should not need to pass hands for an MP to be persuaded by a good argument. Others will attempt to disguise payment, as has happened in America, by paying huge fees ostensibly for speaking or writing. Sir Gordon Downie, the new Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, will need to keep a close eye on any attempts to circumvent the new rules in this way.

MPs should continue to have outside interests and to advocate their causes in Parliament. The difference will be the absence of pay for doing so. Just as Members interest themselves in broad areas of policy such as education, defence or the relief of poverty, they should involve themselves in organisations that are active in these fields. There should be nothing wrong in an MP sitting on the management committee of a charity or the board of a company provided that the Member is not financially beholden to the organisation. The Commons needs such expertise.

The quid pro quo for banning payment for these activities must be an urgent review of MPs' salaries, which have fallen well behind both comparable salaries elsewhere and past parliamentary pay. It is inadequate to argue that there are enough people still clamouring to do the job; what is vital is that the right people become our representatives in Parliament. A decent salary, comparable to those in middle-ranking professional jobs, is a necessity.

If MPs vote now for a substantial increase in their salaries, there will doubtless be a public uproar. Instead the House should refer the matter back to the Nolan committee. Members should undertake to abide by its advice. If voters are then incensed by a big pay rise, they must realise that this is the price that has to be paid for the transparency they have properly demanded.

WINTER DISCONTENTS

Yesterday's reshuffle in Paris solves little

Jacques Chirac ought to be one of Europe's most powerful politicians: on paper his domestic power base is unassailable. He was elected last May to wield the extensive powers of the French presidency for a seven-year term. The Right has a crushing majority in the National Assembly. The franc remains one of the strongest currencies in Europe. M Chirac's grip on power looks enviably secure.

But the first six months of the Chirac presidency have turned these assumptions upside down. The President and Prime Minister have broken pollsters' records for their unpopularity. Fears of welfare cuts and metro bombs have produced a febrile public mood. The Right's political coalition is fractious and France's partners are angry about nuclear tests in the Pacific. Corruption scandals bubble. The franc is under pressure on the markets and European monetary union is the subject of querulous debate. A French President is almost immovable but his ministers are not: yesterday M Chirac reshuffled a Cabinet which had been in office only since May. A handful of new faces will not solve the Government's problems.

M Chirac was following the logic first explained in a recent television interview which followed a chat with Chancellor Kohl in Bonn: deficit reduction will now be the Paris Government's first task. Chirac the election campaigner has now given way to Chirac the financial realist. Implausible manifesto promises that public spending would be brought down while many new jobs were also created have been forgotten. Stern budgetary rigour will be the order of the day for a lean, purposeful Cabinet which has dropped some of its less impressive performers. France's fellow travellers on the road to a single currency and markets everywhere can rest assured, M Chirac says, that everything is under control.

The President may shore up his poll ratings and the franc may strengthen. But a few new faces do not answer the question begged by France's determination to join Germany in a monetary union. The issue is political as well as economic: does the Government have the nerve to face down the protests, and perhaps street violence, of the winter of discontent which will now follow?

All pretence that the Maastricht criteria for monetary union can be met by the end of 1997 by small cuts have been abandoned. The huge social security budget will have to be squeezed and benefits cut; the public sector payroll must fall. Fresh taxes, which will push the unemployment rate over the already high 11.4%, may also be needed.

The Fifth Republic's has shown scant capacity in the past to resist mass protest on the streets. If M Chirac is to go through with this strategy, he has to be confident that he can stiffen the sinews of his Government several times between now and the end of 1997, when the EMU decision is made. Continuous budget cuts will be needed to reassure Germany that the monetary rules are not being bent in France's favour. By the second half of 1997, the Government will be facing an election the following spring.

A Government determined to march its people through the pain of another three years of austerity must be very confident that voters see the value of imprisoning powerful Germany inside a single currency. Neither M Chirac's past ambivalence on European issues nor his uncertain behaviour since taking office suggest that he has the single-minded determination necessary to see the job through.

M Chirac may often refer to General de Gaulle but he is suffering by comparison with the founder of the Fifth Republic, who died 25 years ago this week. The General worked overtime to master events and circumstances; M Chirac is trapped between his commitment to monetary union, the markets and a country suffering at the hands of an overvalued franc. Something has to give, and it will give within the next 12 months. If M Chirac can see sense, he will seek to delay the least urgent of his objectives: the single currency.

THE COMMENTATOR AND I

The House of Savoy is on the move — in extra time

Savoy may now be in the Fourth Division so far as the monarchy league goes, but things seem to be looking up for the embattled House. An Italian Senate commission has agreed to vote on a constitutional amendment which would allow Vittorio Emanuele — the grandson of Vittorio Emanuele III, the king who abdicated after an unsuccessful war — to return to Italy.

"VE IV" has spent most of his eventful life on yachts and in Switzerland, unable to visit his kingdom, and has always yearned to go back to Rome with his son and heir, Emanuele. Once Italy has resolved the small matter of its corruption, elections and Government, the Senate should be free to let the regal pair back in. This should be excellent news for a vast number of people — diehard monarchists, *Hello!* magazine and its numerous Italian counterparts, historians, putative courtiers, newspaper diarists, mothers who want to christen their sons Vittorio Emanuele, assorted paparazzi, straightforward romantics and the country's legion of football fans.

Football fans? Yes, football fans. To acknowledge his success in the stunted language of the trade, the boy Emanuele done good. As our Rome correspondent writes on another page, the long-haired heir is now a celebrated football commentator. A voice which once would have screamed "Off with his head" — or "Get him to the stocks" — now regales his listeners with "Goooooaaal, Laaazioooo!" and other Italianate gurgles. There should be nothing strange in this, of course, as historians will tell you: the founder of the House of Savoy, one Umberto the Whitehanded, was a kind of 11th-century bailiff, a profession no more regal then than that of a television commentator today.

Emanuele has what it takes to succeed in modern Italy. Yet one suspects that the young man would rather sit on a throne than in some cramped box where cigars are smoked, high above the kicking-field. For if there is a country in which it is more arduous by far to be football commentator than to be king, it must be Italy. Kings seldom get red cards: commentators often do.

"We were royalty once," he will tell his sons one day — wistfully, in the way of kings — after the unsporting press has pilloried him for some particularly unforgivable run of clichés. As with most things in football, the goalposts keep changing. But there is a lot of water under the bridge yet to come. Fortunate indeed is the country where kings are commentators. Better, by far, than to have commentators as kings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lessons for peace from Rabin death

From Mr Robert Kirk

Sir, How ironic it is that it took the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin to bring King Husain of Jordan and President Mubarak of Egypt to Jerusalem.

On his visits to Cairo, Rabin had invited Mubarak to make his first visit to Israel and thus promote peace. Mubarak always said that the time was not right. Islamic extremism and the lack of popular support for peace with Israel among Egyptians, plus the open anti-Jewishness of much of the Egyptian press, made such a journey too risky for Mubarak.

King Husain had wanted to visit the city where he once ruled, but he too was warned by Islamic extremists in Jordan and among West Bank Palestinians that he would be killed if he went, so until now he too stayed home.

Yassir Arafat, fellow recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, was conspicuous by his absence. That sent a message to Israelis: Rabin was murdered for giving self-rule to Palestinians but their leader could not come, said his spokesman, "as much as he would have wanted to". A recent poll among Palestinians showed 65 per cent do not think Israel has a right to exist. The PLO Covenant, calling for Israel's destruction, remains unchanged, despite the PLO's commitment to amend it.

It is in this context of minimal outward popular Arab support for peace with Israel, and the threat of Islamic extremist takeovers in Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinian areas, that we see how great is the risk for peace taken by Israel.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT KIRK,
165 Albion Towers,
Salford, Greater Manchester.
November 6.

From Mr Peter Shore, MP, President of the Anglo-Israel Association, and others

Sir, It was with great sadness that we heard the news of the assassination of the Prime Minister of Israel. Yitzhak Rabin was a distinguished statesman who had managed to combine uniquely the attributes of a great warrior with those of a far-sighted peacemaker.

Our solidarity with the people of Israel is shared by those all over the world who understand the need to continue the path to peace begun by Mr Rabin. Indeed, the fulfilment of peace between Israel and its neighbours would be the finest legacy to the memory of Yitzhak Rabin.

Yours faithfully,
PETER SHORE, President,
DAVID SIEFF
(Chairman of Council),
JOHN MARSHALL,
(Chairman, Executive Committee),
The Anglo-Israel Association,
9 Bentinck Street, W1.

From Mr Leon M. Fish

Sir, In his Credo article (November 6) the Chief Rabbi refers to the assassination of Gedaliah 2,500 years ago as a "precise parallel" afforded by Jewish history to Saturday's events.

Surely not? Mr Rabin had helped defeat his country's enemies and secure its borders against those who would have destroyed it. Only then was he ready to seek a just and lasting peace. I think it odd for Dr Sacks to equate this with being ready to co-operate by governing as the puppet of an occupying power.

Yours faithfully,
LEON FISH,
89 Hadley Road,
New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Today's poverty, tomorrow's tax cuts

From the Bishop of Croydon and others

Sir, To judge from the main platform speeches at the recent party conferences, the wellbeing of the poorest people in our society — by best estimate some 30 per cent of the population — is of secondary interest in the competitive scramble for the votes of the other 70 per cent.

Such a tactic may have worked in the past, before the present harsh reality could be compared with the promised Utopia of a privatised share-owning democracy; but it is now clear that the price in social disintegration, family break-up, inadequate services and loss of faith in employment as a means of escape from poverty is high and rising.

We, the undersigned, happen to be Christians; but Christians are emphatically not the only people who believe this approach to be wrong and misguided, and that we are all still meant to be our brother's and sister's keeper.

Moreover, in spite of the unacceptably high proportion of their number in prison or homeless and unemployed, young people for the most part reject cynical self-interest. Not all of them have so far decided to opt out altogether. If they choose to, they will vote at the next election — some for the first time. We owe it to them to offer an alternative worthy of their participation and their vote.

We therefore appeal to our fellow "seventy percenters" to join us as the voice of the voiceless by insisting at our every encounter with politicians at all levels that they give us their personal answer to the question: "what will *you* do about the forgotten 30 per cent?"

Yours faithfully,
†WILFRED CROYDON,
†ROGER BARKING,
DOUGLAS BARTLES-SMITH
(Archdeacon of Southwark),
PETER BROADBENT
(Archdeacon of Northolt),
†PETER WOOLWICH,
CLIVE YOUNG
(Archdeacon of Hackney),
St Matthew's House,
100 George Street,
Croydon, Surrey.
November 2.

From Mr Graham Saunders

Sir, Confused by the political verbiage concerning tax cuts in the forthcoming Budget?

The Government this year will borrow £1,200 for every employed person in the country. At 8 per cent interest that works out at £100 per year. As government debt is rarely repaid, this interest will be borne in perpetuity by future taxpayers.

Is it really sensible for our grandchildren to fund the profligacy of this Government? Tax cuts will only add to the bill. They are thus a con trick and an illusion.

Yours faithfully,
G. N. SAUNDERS,
58 Pelican Road, Pamber Heath,
Tadley, Hampshire.
November 1.

From Mr Christopher J. F. Dobie

Sir, Frequently reported statistics confirm that a vital element in the United Kingdom's economic recovery is the success of new small businesses — not least the employment opportunities that these provide. I was fortunate to start such a business in 1990 which now employs 30 people.

However, I would not pretend that the last six years' work has been intended to provide employment — it has been intended to create some value against my own imminent retirement and hopefully for my family.

But if I can be considered to have done a good job for the "economy" can I and thousands like me please have one thing back in return — namely the abolition of capital gains tax when I sell my remaining holding in the business?

Also, can one hope that Mr Gordon Brown will share with the present Chancellor an understanding that one of the almost primeval urges that causes many of us to work long hours, is the thought that one can make some provision for children, and perhaps grandchildren, who may be seeking to create and run businesses and services of their own?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER J. F. DOBIE,
The Old Moor,
Southminster, Essex.
November 3.

Family snapshots under scrutiny

From Miss Jennifer Lawrence

Sir, The arrest of Julia Somerville and her partner and the subsequent reprehensible publicity (reports and articles, November 7) place in the public domain concerns held by many professionals frequently involved in matters of this kind.

Over the last ten years, since Esther Rantzen gave sexual abuse of children such prominence, there have been all-too-frequent unfounded allegations of sexual indecency based on the subjective Victorian values of individuals who purport to give children's best interests paramountcy in accordance with the Children Act.

Many sane, loving parents are now afraid to cuddle, massage, bathe with, their children, record the naivety of their nudity and treat it as normal and acceptable, without the fear that in the hands of the wrong person such actions will be regarded as those of the sexual abuser, deviant or paedophile. We cannot allow this grossly unsatisfactory situation to continue.

My sincere hope is that Julia Somerville will have the courage and determination to use her experience and all the powers at her disposal to highlight what is the plight of many parents.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIFER C. LAWRENCE
(Member, Law Society's Children's Panel),
Lawrences (solicitors),
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31 Sheep Street,
Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.
November 7.

From Commander C. F. Heron-Watson (retd)

Sir, Would any genuine paedophile or child pornographer really asks Boots to develop their dubious films, and are their, unelected, film technicians really the moral guardians of the nation's children?

I am, yours etc,
C. F. HERON-WATSON,
Longmead, Brunton,
Collingbourne Kingston,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
November 4.

Separation of powers

From the Head of the UK Office of the European Parliament

Sir, Your leader of October 31, "Muffled silence", is wrong in claiming that the European Commission has no claim to democratic legitimacy.

While its members are chosen by heads of government of the member states, the President and the Commission as a whole take office only after extensive hearings and an endorsement debate in the European Parliament.

In addition they are accountable to the European Parliament, are regularly questioned by it in committee and in plenary, and can be dismissed by it after a vote of censure.

The most obvious difference between the European model and the UK structure is that Commissioners are not Members of Parliament themselves. Other democratic unions — including the United States of America — have no difficulty living with such a separation of powers.

Yours sincerely,
MARTYN BOND,
Head of UK Office,
European Parliament,
2 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
November 1.

Gays in the Services

From the Executive Director of Stonewall

Sir, Nicholas Soames, Minister for the Armed Forces, has claimed that the two recent court judgments in the High Court and the Court of Appeal have vindicated the MoD ban on lesbians and gay men serving in the Armed Forces (report, November 4).

I would like to make it clear that neither judgment "vindicated" the policy; and indeed the judges in the High Court and the Court of Appeal, including the Master of the Rolls, have urged the Government in the strongest possible terms to review the policy and look at "the specific evidence" of those many countries who have lifted similar bans.

To claim, as Nicholas Soames did in a TV interview, that opposing the ban is "politically correct claptrap" is to ignore the view of all the senior judges in this case that the dismissal of lesbians and gay men solely on the ground of their sexual orientation is a fundamental breach of human rights.

Yours sincerely,
ANGELA MASON,
Executive Director, Stonewall,
16 Clerkenwell Close, EC1.
November 3.

Safe areas in Bosnia

From Miss Nora Beloff

Sir, Malcolm Harper of the United Nations Association (letter, November 4) is quite right to say that "there is no military solution" to the Bosnian war, but he is mistaken on the reason why the "safe areas" were never safe.

It was a precondition for the "safe areas" agreement that these areas would be demilitarised. The Bosnian Muslims refused to disarm and, as we know both from countless Unprofor reports and from David Owen's new book, armed Muslims from these areas launched assaults against surrounding Serb villages.

Yours truly,
NORA BELOFF,
11 Belsize Road, NW6.

Elusive Shakespeare

From the General Manager of the Old Vic

Sir, There is a sad and bitter irony in your witty and erudite leader about there being "something in Shakespeare for everyone" appearing in the same issue (November 3) as a front-page report that the Treasury is seeking to reduce the National Heritage budget by a further £60 million.

This cut, which combined with earlier cuts will amount to 10 per cent of overall arts and heritage spending in a year, will simply increase the current trend of closed theatres and slashed budgets.

Eighty per cent of our population will soon have no access to performances of your universally relevant Shakespeare because few companies can afford to produce it, and it will be rare to find people of the next generation who would understand your leader, let alone write it.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW LEIGH (Vice-Chairman, Theatres National Committee),
The Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1.

Organ transplants

From Ms Fiona Gravette

Sir, Your report, "Mechanical heart hastens end of human transplant" (October 30) states that the recipient "had been turned down for an NHS heart transplant, which are normally limited to patients under 60".

People over the age of 60 years *are* considered for heart transplants within the NHS. Indeed, the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle has given a transplant to a patient aged 64.

The normal practice is for each patient to be assessed on his or her overall state of health. If an older patient is also suffering, for example, from kidney dysfunction, this would have serious implications for the patient's ability to cope with the condition after the operation and could potentially impair recovery.

This report obviously concentrates on hearts, but the same rules apply to other organ transplants. There is no nationally set age limit for transplants, and most definitely no age limit for organ donation.

The development of the electric heart is a tremendous achievement, but it will be some time before it can routinely replace organ transplantation. In the meantime more than 5,000 people are on the transplant waiting list and the desperate shortage of donor organs continues.

Yours faithfully,
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November 1.

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School funding

From Sir Christopher Benson, Chairman of the Funding Agency for Schools

Sir, May I assure Simon Jenkins, who appears to regard the Funding Agency for Schools as a "freak" organisation ("School for control freaks", October 25), that the 1993 Education Act which established the agency did not "abandon the idea of self-governing institutions".

We were established to perform the funding functions which had previously been carried out in exactly the same way by our colleagues at the Department for Education and Employment; no change in ideas there. We deliberately carry out our functions in a way that supports schools in exercising their freedoms.

However, the agency has a difficult balance to strike: if we failed to monitor effectively the expenditure of grant-maintained schools we would rightly be brought to book by Parliament.

The agency became jointly or wholly responsible in several areas for planning school places at either secondary or primary level, where the number of pupils educated in grant-maintained schools in an individual local education authority (LEA) became significant.

Its policy is to seek planning solutions that schools are comfortable with, working with them to find answers, not imposing decisions. I would argue that this is exactly the behaviour of a "soft touch regulator".

The agency's experience will indeed prove valuable to any future Labour government. We are the only body in England to have experience of funding schools on a national basis and of planning school places by taking a much broader view than the narrow LEA boundary.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BENSON,
Chairman,
Funding Agency for Schools,
Albion Wharf,
25 Skeldergate, York.
October 30.

Charitable gesture

From Mrs M. A. Down

Sir, Congratulations to Mr Keith Whitson, the chief executive of the Midland Bank. His decision to donate to charity the money normally used to send customers Christmas cards (Business, November 6) is to be applauded.

There is plenty of time for the banks and institutions to follow his example and understand the true meaning of the spirit of Christmas.

Yours sincerely,
M. A. DOWN,
62 Swann Lane,
Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire.
November 7.

Many happy returns

From the Reverend S. R. Cutt

Sir, Mrs Nicky Phillips writes a letter suitable for publication (November 3). I think that she should be content to compose her own graceful and affectionate message to her godson on his confirmation and to put it, in her own hand, into a handsome card, free of somebody else's printed, probably inappropriate and certainly impersonal effusion [see also Mr Peter Tray's letter, November 6].

Yours sincerely,
SAMUEL CUTT,
9 Eastfield Grove,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
November 3.

Flying high

From Mrs G. M. Wright

Sir, The new Labour Party high-flyers are being sent on courses to learn how to govern the country (report, October 26). The Tory party high-flyers are being sent on courses to learn how to dress (report, November 4). No further comment would seem necessary.

Yours faithfully,
GLENIS M. WRIGHT,
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Clifton Village, Nottingham.

Royal command?

From Mr Harold Ingham

Sir, It is rumoured ("Dover sale halted after royal appeal", later editions, November 3) that the Queen Mother has saved Dover from privatisation. Does she like railways?

Yours sincerely,
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COURT CIRCULAR

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, AUCKLAND
November 7: The Queen held a Council at Government House, Wellington, at 11.00 am.

There were present: The Rt Hon James Bolger MP (Acting Lord President), the Rt Hon Sir Robin Cooke (President, Court of Appeal), the Rt Hon Sir Thomas Eichelbaum (Chief Justice) and the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes (Private Secretary).

The Rt Hon Donald McKinnon MP, the Rt Hon William Birch MP and the Rt Hon Ian Mackay were sworn in as members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mrs Marie Shroff was in attendance as Acting Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon James Bolger MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

Colonel Peter Barry (Defence Adviser, British High Commission, Wellington) was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the site of the Museum of New Zealand, Wellington, and were received by the Hon Douglas Graham MP (Minister of Cultural Affairs) and Mrs Sue Wood (Acting Chairman of the Board).

After touring the building with His Royal Highness, Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, later honoured Ellerslie Races, Auckland, with her presence.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this evening gave a Reception for members of the Guards Association at Government House, Auckland.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning opened the David Low Cartoon Exhibition at the National Library, Wellington.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, later presented Gold Standard Awards to young people at Wellington College.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 7: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this morning attended a meeting of the Council of Management at Lanwades Hall, Kennett, and was received by Mr Robert Fellowes (Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk).

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Daly Transport Services, Suez Road, Brimsdown, Enfield, Middlesex.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, this evening attended the Officers Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London, W1.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 7: Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox has succeeded Dame Frances Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 7: The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

His Royal Highness and The Prince Edward, Counsellors of State under Her Majesty's Commission, held a Council on behalf of The Queen at 12.30pm.

There were present:

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), The Rt Hon Viscount Cranborne (Lord Privy Seal), The Rt Hon the Lord Strathclyde (Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms) and The Rt Hon Alastair Goodlad MP (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury).

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, accompanied by the Secretary of State for National Heritage (the Rt Hon Mrs Virginia Bottomley MP) and the Minister of State for the Armed Forces (the Hon Nicholas Soames MP).

His Royal Highness later visited Eltham Palace in the Borough of Greenwich.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Macmillan Nurse Appeal, this evening attended a reception in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund's City Appeal at the Tower of London.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 7: The Princess of Wales this morning opened Liverpool Women's Hospital, Crown Street, Liverpool.

Her Royal Highness later visited Liverpool Cathedral, Liverpool.

The Princess of Wales this afternoon visited the Project Rosemary Site, Liverpool. Mrs Duncan Byatt was in attendance.

November 7: The Duke of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Logistic Corps, this afternoon visited 23 Pioneer Regiment, St David's Barracks, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

The Duchess of Gloucester today attended a Service in Westminster Abbey to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Magistrates' Association and subsequently was present at a Reception in Westminster Hall, London SW1.

Later, the Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Listening Library, attended the Annual General Meeting at Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street, London EC2.

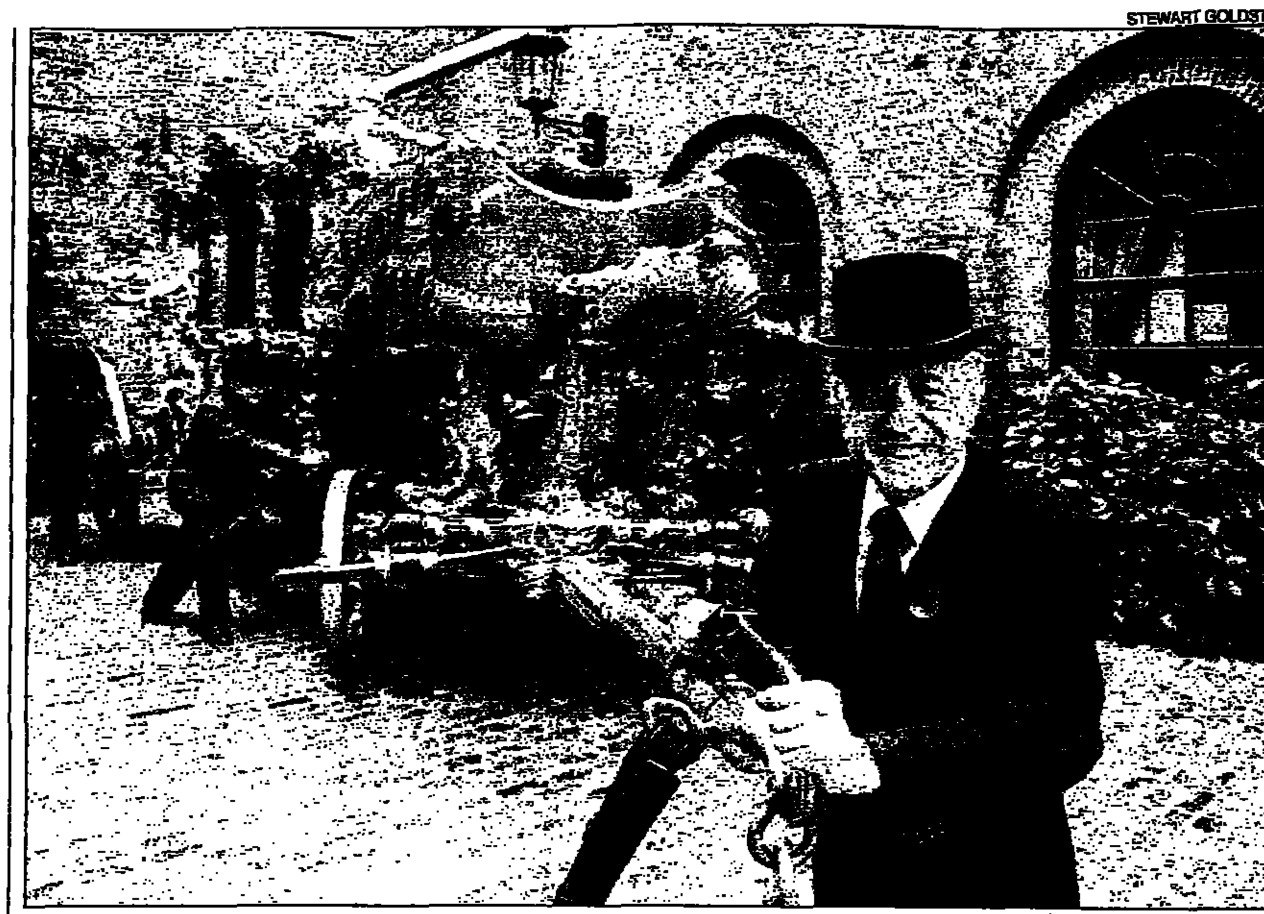
YORK HOUSE
November 7: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning opened the British Invisibles Seminar, São Paulo Industrial Federation, São Paulo, Brazil.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended a lunch given by the French Ambassador (His Excellency Monsieur Jean Gueguinou) to honour Sir Georg Solti following his investiture with L'Ordre de Commandeur des Arts et Lettres.

Birthdays today

The Marquess of Abergavenny, KG, 81; Lord Allanbridge, 70; Mr Rupert Allason, MP, 44; Professor Christiaan Barnard, heart transplant pioneer, 73; Mr Geoffrey Bell, former chairman, Guinness Mahon Holdings, 56; Mr Alain Delon, actor, 60; Mr Ken Dodd, comedian and singer, 64; Mr Edward Goldsmith, ecologist, 67; Mr Frederick Gore, painter, 82; Professor Sir Edmund Happold, structural engineer, 65; Mr D.A. Head, former chairman, Rolls-Royce and Associates, 70; Sir Gordon Higginson, former Vice-Chancellor, Southampton University, 66; Mr Kazuo Ishiguro, author, 41; Lord Justice Leggatt, 65; Sir Denis Mahon, art historian, 85; Viscount Mountgarret, 59; Mr Rifat Ozbek, fashion designer, 42; Mr Martin Peters, footballer, 52; Sir James Redmond, former director of engineering, BBC, 77; Mr William Reid, former director, National Army Museum, 69; Professor Sir Robert Shields, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 65; Mr Iain Sproat, MP, 57.

STEWART GOLDSTEIN



London's Lord Mayor-elect yesterday tried out the ornate coach he will travel in during the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday. To see the final preparations of the coach Alderman John Chalstrey visited the Brewery in Chiswell Street, City of London, the headquarters of Whitbread, where the Lord Mayor's coach and horses are kept

Magistrates' Association

The Duchess of Gloucester attended a service held yesterday in Westminster Abbey to mark the 75th anniversary of the Magistrates' Association.

The Dean of Westminster officiated. The Lord Chancellor read from the Old Testament and Ms Rosemary Thomson, Chairman of Council of the Magistrates' Association, read from the New Testament. The Bishop of Llandaff and the Right Rev Gerald Edmund, of the Bethel United Apostolic Church, led the Prayers. The Bishop of Newcastle gave an address.

During the service the association's Charter was carried from the Chapel of St George the Martyr to the Sacrarium by Mr S.D. Baker, honorary treasurer of the association, escorted by Mrs R.A. Fuller and Mr J. R. Liversedge, deputy chairmen of council.

Dr M.A. Zaki Badawi (Muslim faith), Rabbi Julian Jacobs representing the Chief Rabbi, Major Peter Smith (Salvation Army), the Rev Peter Grange (United Baptist), Mr W.G. Allen (Free Church Federal Council) and Mgr George Stack (Roman Catholic Church) were robed and in the Sacrarium.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were among those present.

Chigwell School

The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr David Gibbs as Headmaster of Chigwell School to succeed Mr Anthony Little in September 1996. At present, Mr Gibbs is the Housemaster of Colvin House at Haileybury.

Memorial services

Sir Philip Oppenheimer
Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, was present at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Philip Oppenheimer held yesterday at St George's, Hanover Square. The Rev W. M. Atkins officiated. Mr Hugo Morriss read the lesson and Mr Jonathon Pudney, grandson, read from the works of John Donne. Mr Harry Oppenheimer, cousin, gave an address.

The Belgian Ambassador attended. The Russian Ambassador was represented by Mme Adamishina, the Angolan Ambassador by Senhor Francisco de Assis Paixo E Silva, the Government of Western Australia by Mr Brian Barnes, the Government of Botswana by Mr B Marole, the Russian Government by Mr M. Vitaly.

Among others present were:

Lady Oppenheimer (widow), Mr and Mrs Anthony Oppenheimer (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Alan Marshall (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Stephen Lussier, Miss Emily Oppenheimer, Miss Arabella Oppenheimer, Mr and Mrs Nicholas von Schirnding, Katharine Marshall and David Marshall (grandchildren), Major William Stirling (brother-in-law), Mrs Harry Oppenheimer, Sir Michael and Lady Oppenheimer, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Pudney, Mr Peter Marshall, Mr Nicholas Oppenheimer, Mrs F Barker and other members of the family.

Viscount Chelsea, Lord Balfour of Inchyra, Lady Keith of Castleacre, Lady de Ramsey, Lord and Lady Howard de Walden, Lady Devlin, Lady Helen Smith, Lady Angela Oswald, Lady Mary von Westenholz, the Hon Gilpatrick Devlin, the Hon Robert Acton, the Hon Mrs Robin Warrender, Sir Piers Bengough (representing Ascot Racecourse), Sir Christopher Collett, Sir Chips Keswick (chairman, Hambros Bank), Sir Evelyn and Lady de Rothschild, Lady Villiers, Baron Vaes, Baroness von Westenholz, Prince Nicholas von Preussen, Prince and Princess Lobanov.

Mrs Hugo Morriss, Mrs Roderic More O'Ferrall, Mr Rory More O'Ferrall, Mr Geoffrey Claridge, Mr and Mrs Jean de Kettenis, Mr P Brownrigg, Mr and Mrs Guy Young, Mr J Ortiz-Patino, Dr W R Allen, Mr Philip Beck, Mr Rupert Hambro, Mr and Mrs Henry Candy, Mr and Mrs Arthur Budgett, Dr T A Spooner, Mr Gerald Rothschild, Mrs Betty Kenward, Mr Hugo Lascelles, Mrs Gavin Shaw, Mrs E Macdonald-Buchanan, Mr Robin Walker, Mr John Ward, Mr and Mrs B Gaolathe, Mr John Henderson, Mr and Mrs Christopher Dundas, Mr E M Charles.

Mrs L P Hacket-Paine, Mrs Arthur Leveson, Mrs Nicky Morriss, Mrs James Petli, Mr Peter Talbot-Ponsonby, Mr George Wragg, Mr Anthony Holland, Mr David Holland, Mr Hugh Holland, Mr Christopher Foster, Mr Greville Poke, Mr Ian White, Mr Ian Norrington, Mrs S Spiro, Mr and Mrs Piers Lucas, Mrs George Lane, Mr R Lander, Mr and Mrs Hank Slack, Mr and Mrs W G Boustred, Mrs E Dawe, Mr Humphrey L Cottrill.

Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson (chairman, De Beers Consolidated Mines) and the Hon Mrs Ogilvie Thompson with Mr Peter Gush (deputy chairman); Mr G F H Burne, Mr G M Ralfe, Mr T W H Capon, Mr P Somner, Mr N Wisden and Mr J M Farmiloe (executive directors, Central Selling Organisation) with Mrs Burne, Mrs Ralfe and Mrs Wisden; Mr Paul M De Groote (Antwerp Diamantbank), Mr David Hales (representing The Belgian Diamond Companies), Mr Jim Littman (Gemological Institute of America), Mr Philippe Chevalier with Mr Michel Alloo and Mr Bruno Morelle (Sibeka); Mr Vijay Shah (Vijay Diamond).

Mr Richard Hambro (chairman, I Hennig & Company) and Mrs Hambro, Mr R J Riddell-Carre (Ernst and Young), Mr Jack Morgan (J P Morgan), Mr Michael Hayes (Macfarlanes), Mr Alan Watchman (representing the Master and Fellows of Jesus College, Cambridge), Mr Peter Wilmot-Sitwell (Minorco), Mr David Gordon (chairman, Contemporary Art Society), Mr Michael Wates (Jockey Club), Mr David Minton (European Breeders Fund), Mr Walter Cowe (stud manager, Hascombe and Valiant Studs) with Mr Roy Gage, Mr Graham Summercell and Mr Andrew Gooderham (Thurlow Nunn Standen), Mr Michael Wyndham (chairman, White's), and representatives of other companies associated with Sir Philip, and many other friends and colleagues.

His Honour Henry Ruttle
A service of thanksgiving for the life of His Honour Henry Ruttle was held yesterday at the Queen's Road Church, Wimbledon. The Rev Norman Moss officiated. Mr Stephen Ruttle, son, and Mrs Catherine Verbi and Mrs Victoria Pemberton, daughters, said prayers. Mrs Jackie Pullinger-To read the lesson.

His Honour David Stinson, Judge Christopher Compston, Miss Grace Longmire and Judge John Colyer, QC, paid tribute. Members of the family and many friends were among those present.

Service dinner

The King's Royal Hussars
The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, was present at the Regimental Dinner of The King's Royal Hussars held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major General J.P.W. Friedberger, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Dinners

Institute of Indian Culture
Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, and Mrs Howard were the guests of honour at a dinner of the Bhavan, Institute of Indian Culture, held last night at the Portman Hotel to mark Diwali. Mr Maneck Dalal, chairman, and Dr M.N. Nandakumara, executive director, received the guests. The High Commissioner for India and Shrimati Singhvi attended.

Institute of Actuaries
Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, FRS, President of the Royal Society, was the principal guest at the biennial dinner of the Institute of Actuaries held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Chris Daykin, president of the institute, was in the chair. Dr Ann Robinson, Director-General of the National Association of Pension Funds, also spoke.

Milton Keynes and North Buckinghamshire Chamber of Commerce Training and Enterprise
Mr Peter Moloney was the principal speaker at the Milton Keynes and North Buckinghamshire Chamber of Commerce Training and Enterprise Annual Dinner and Business Link Launch held on November 7. Mr Malcolm Brighton, OBE, was in the chair.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edmond Halley, astronomer, London, 1656; Bram Stoker, novelist, author of *Dracula*, Dublin, 1847; Sir Arnold Bax, Master of the King's Musick 1941-53, London, 1883.
DEATHS: John Milton, poet, London, 1674; Vyacheslav Molotov, Russian statesman, Moscow, 1986.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will attend the launch of Youthnet, the programme to link youth organisations through the Internet at The Gibson Hall, Bishopsgate, at 3.00; and, as president, will visit the Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, at 6.00.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will preside at The Princess Royal's Industry Committee meeting at Buckingham Palace at 9.10; will attend a reception and luncheon for the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation at the London Hilton on Park Lane at noon; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit De Baer Corporate Clothing, 27 South Bank Business Centre, Ponton Road, SW8, at 3.15; and, as President of Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend a conference reception to mark the silver jubilee at Buckingham Palace at 6.20.

The Duke of Gloucester, President of the British Consultants Bureau, will attend the annual meeting and will present the British Consultants of the Year Awards 1995 at the Churchill Intercontinental Hotel, W1, at 10.55; and, as Patron of the Construction Industry Trust for Youth, will attend a concert at Carpenters' Hall at 7.25.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the refurbished buildings for Sealy United Kingdom, Aspatria, Cumbria, at 1.00; will open new buildings at Nelson Thomlinson School, Wigton, at 2.15; and will open a new Abbeyfield Home for the Elderly, at 3.30.

History prize

The Routledge Ancient History Prize for 1995 has been awarded to Veronika Grimm for her study *From Feasting to Fasting: the development of early Christian asceticism*. The Directors of Routledge believe that the prize has now fulfilled its aim of enhancing the study and appreciation of ancient history internationally, and have decided that the prize will not be awarded in future years. We would like to congratulate all the winners and thank them for their, and the judges', support over the years. Routledge's commitment to ancient history remains unchanged, and Richard Stoneman will always be pleased to hear from prospective authors at 11 New Fetter Lane, London, EC4P 4EE.

Lectures

Sir Sigmund Sternberg delivered a lecture yesterday to members of the Manchester Council of Christians and Jews at the South Manchester Reform Synagogue on the value of dialogue and gave a report on his visit to the United Nations' 50th anniversary celebrations in New York.

Wellington Society
Sir Montague Levine delivered a lecture to the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hospital, St John's Wood. Dr Arthur Levin, chairman of the society, presided.

Luncheons

French Ambassador
The French Ambassador was the host at a luncheon at the French Residency yesterday, at which The Duchess of Kent was present, when he presented Sir Georg Solti with the insignia of Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres.

HM Government
Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Yasushi Akashi, UN Special Representative to the Former Yugoslavia.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. Bayliss and Miss A. Lidstone
The engagement is announced between Richard, second son of Mr Jeremy and the Hon Mrs Bayliss, of Swallowfield, Berkshire, and Anna, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Maurice Lidstone, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.R. Blackmore and Miss R.J. Turner
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr Martin Blackmore, of London, and Mrs Roger Mathews, of Le Gers, France, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr Jonathan Turner, of Philadelphia, USA, and Mrs Alan Ogden, of London.

Mr R.H. Cave and Miss E.J. Heber-Percy
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Sir Charles and Lady Cave, of Sidbury, Devon, and Emily, eldest daughter of Mr Algernon and the Hon Mrs Heber-Percy, of Hodnet, Shropshire.

Mr S. Emeny and Miss S.H. James
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Emeny, of Laleham, Middlesex, and Selina, middle daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith R. James, of Norton Curlieu, Warwickshire.

Mr F.E. Hamel Cooke and Miss R.L. Davies
The engagement is announced between Francis, youngest son of the Rev C.K. and Mrs Hamel Cooke, of Halford, Warwickshire, and Rachel, younger daughter of the late Mr Paul Davies and of Mrs Jane Davies, of Chelsea, London.

Mr P. Hammersley and Miss A. Spratt
The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Philip Hammersley, of Wibtoft, Leicestershire, and Alexandra, youngest daughter of Sir Greville and Lady Spratt, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr J.H. Harbottle and Miss A.E.J. Watson
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of the Rev and Mrs Anthony Harbottle, of East Dean, East Sussex, and Amanda, third daughter of the late Mr Joseph Watson, QC, and of Mrs Watson, of Mickleham, Surrey.

Mr P.R. Holstead and Señorita L. Vallejo Arambaru
The engagement is announced between Paul Robert, son of Mr Robert Holstead, OBE, and Mrs Holstead, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Lucila, daughter of Señor and Señora José Vallejo, of Santander, Spain.

Mr N.G. Sutherland and Miss F.M. Ward
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of the late Mr Ian Sutherland and of Mrs Pamela Sutherland, of Romsey, Hampshire, and Fiona, daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel J.R.E. Ward and of Mrs Gloria Ward, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr R.J.E. Williams and Miss P.J. Mackay
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Brigadier David Williams, of Richmond, Surrey, and of Mrs Elizabeth Williams, of Wandsworth, London, and Philippa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Mackay, of Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

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For preaching the gospel I am exposed to hardship, even to the point of being fettered like a criminal; but the word of God is not fettered.
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BIRTHS

AMODIO - On November 5th, to Henrietta and Piero, a most beautiful baby boy, Hugo Benedict Sullivan, brother to Emilia, Henry and Francesco. Not to be, but not to be forgotten. May he rest in peace.

ANSELL - On November 7th 1995, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Tessa (née Odell) and Harry, a daughter, Serena Mary.

BARTHOLOMEW - On October 16th, to Joanna (née Rickards) and David, a daughter, Isobel Ruth.

BARTON - On November 2nd at The Royal London Hospital, to Susan (née Jones) and Sebastian, a son, Rupert Arthur David Garbutt.

BIRKIN - On 6th November, to John and Emma (née Gage), a son, Benjamin Charles.

BUXTON - On 7th November 1995, to Louise (née Regan) and Alan, a beautiful daughter, Molly India Regan. A first grandchild to Ruth and Gordon and Gary and Nell.

CHEATLE - On Sunday 5th November 1995, to Andrea (née Hey) and Justin, a son, Harry Nicholas John, a brother for Alexandra.

COUSINS - On November 6th at Lister Hospital, Stevenage, to Cherry (née Goodall) and John, a daughter, Holly Jade.

FLETCHER - On November 3rd, to Susanna (née Seymour) and James, a son.

HARRISON - On 2nd November in Stockholm, to Jennifer (née Royle) and Michael, a son, Patrick William Ernest, brother for Joanna.

MARSHALL - On 4th November, to Jeanette and Jeremy, a son, Nathaniel James Evans, a brother for Naomi.

MASON - On November 3rd, at Awali Hospital, Bahrain, to Johanna (née Bradwell) and Chris, a son, Charles Christopher, a brother for Thomas.

MBA - On November 1st, to Hermione (née Dawson) and Edet, a son, Emem Warren, a brother to Essien Frederick.

MUNRO KERR - On November 1st, to Catherine (née Greville) and Duncan, a daughter, Margo Helen.

NEVE - On 4th November 1995, to Kathy (née van den Elst) and Michael, a son, Harry Richard.

PASK - On November 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Campbell) and David, a son, Lawrence Michael, a brother for Christopher, Jonathan and Sarah.

PATTNI - On November 7th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Sally (née Howes) and Andrew, a daughter, Lucia Grace, a granddaughter for Geoffrey, Thelma and Joan.

ST JOHN - On 31st October, to Emma (née Moore) and Charles, a daughter, Poppy Rebecca Harriet.

TOWNEND BOOTH-CLIBBORN - On November 2nd, at home in Bristol, to Julia and Eric, a daughter, Sophie Kate, a sister to Theo.

WHITBREAD - On November 3rd in Johannesburg, to Charles and Jane, a son, Samuel David.

WOODHEAD - On 6th November 1995, to Angela (née Payne) and Ian, a daughter, Sophie Danielle.

DEATHS

ADAMS - Andrea Caroline (née Hambly), author, journalist, broadcaster and the country's leading campaigner against Workplace Bullying, died with peace and dignity 7th November. Her work will be carried forward by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and by all those touched by her fight against injustice. A committed and deeply loving mother, she will be greatly missed by her children, Gemini and Jacob, her parents, brother, family and many friends. Celebration of Life Service St Lawrence Parish Church, Downton, Wilts., 2.30 pm Monday 13th November. Flowers to W. Case Ltd., 23 Churchfields Road, Wilts. SP2 7NH. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign.

ALLEN - Michael died peacefully on November 2nd at The London Lighthouse, after a long illness, aged 33. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. The funeral will take place on Thursday 9th November at 12.30 pm at St Francis Church, Stockwell, SW4.

BARKER - On November 4th 1995, Pam (née Falkner) aged 39, much loved wife of Angus and loving mother of Amy, Charlotte and Jenny. Much loved and greatly missed. Enquiries C.S. Bowyer Ltd., tel: (01225) 863208.

BARRINGTON - The Rev. Bro. Leo Barrington, MBE, Former Headmaster of St Joseph's College, Beulah Hill, Upper Norwood, London, and Provincial of the De La Salle Order, died November 4th 1995, aged 87. A Requiem Mass at St Joseph's College at 12.15 pm November 15th, followed by burial at Bandon Hill Cemetery, Plough Lane, Wallington, Surrey. No flowers but donations to Lasallian Missions c/o St Joseph's College.

BURRINGTON - On November 6th 1995 at Royal Brompton Hospital, Humphrey Bryant aged 77 years, of Bournemouth, formerly of Sunbury-on-Thames. Enquiries to George Scott Funeral Directors, tel: (01202) 398827.

COLLIS JONES - On November 6th 1995, peacefully at home, Arthur aged 88 years, beloved husband of the late Mona, brother of Ralph and stepfather of Nicholas. Service and cremation at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Monday November 13th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Hellier & Sons, (01884) 32482.

CREE - Dr. Jean, Paediatric oncologist, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Brighton, 1966-1989. After a mercifully short final illness, was joined with the Father on Saturday November 4th 1995. Thanksgiving and funeral service at Central United Reformed Church, Ventnor Villas, Hove, on Wednesday November 15th at 3 pm. No flowers please. Memorial donations to: Attree & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove, in aid of Sussex Oncology Centre and MacMillan Brighton and Hove Hospice Appeal.

CRYER - On 5th November 1995, at Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton, in her 96th year and after a brief illness, Margaret Elizabeth, lately of Bramhall, Cheshire, widow of James Bruce and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral on Thursday 9th November at 3pm at All Saints' Church, East Sheen, SW14, followed by cremation.

DARTNALL - On November 5th 1995, peacefully at White Lodge, Bisham, Gladys Olive aged 92. Much loved aunt to several generations. Funeral Saturday November 11th at All Saints Church, Bisham at 11 am. Flowers or donations for Headway Thames Valley to 32 West Street, Marlow.

ESSLEMONT - Alexander Gordon on 3rd November 1995, peacefully at Glastonbury Court, Bury St Edmunds. Loving husband of Winifred, father of Peter and John. Thanksgiving Service at West Suffolk Crematorium, Risby, on Friday 10th November, 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Glastonbury Court c/o F. Clutterham & Son, 23 Mustow Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, (01284) 754349.

FINZEL - On November 5th 1995, peacefully at St George's Hospital, Milford-on-Sea, Doreen Jessie (Busty) adored sister of the late Col. G.P.W. Finzel MBE. Private cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday 16th November followed by a Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Church, Milford-on-Sea at 2 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the RNLI c/o Davies Funeral Services, 28 High Street, Milford-on-Sea.

GAINFORD - On 7th November 1995, peacefully at Mid-Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, in her 96th year, Veronica Margaret, only daughter of Sir George J.W. Noble, Bart.; widow of Joseph 2nd Lord Gainford. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Tayvallich Parish Church on 11th November at 11 am, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations please to Cancer Research.

GARDHAM - Whitley Bay, 17 Dipton Road, as the result of a road accident on November 1st, aged 47 years, Martin John. Very dearly loved husband of Linda and a most devoted and loved father of Helen, Stephanie and Richard. Funeral Service at the Whitley Bay Baptist Church, Park Avenue, on Thursday November 9th at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Tynemouth Crematorium at 1 pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to T.E.A.R. Fund c/o E. Turnbull & Son, Albion Road, North Shields.

GRAHAM - Peacefully at the Polish Hospital, Penley, on November 1st, Mark aged 81 years, dear husband of Margerie and loving father of Lorna, Barbara and Caroline. Private cremation has taken place.

HENDERSON - Ian Dalton. Suddenly at home on 7th November 1995. Beloved and loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private, no flowers please.

HILLARD - On 4th November 1995, very peacefully at Midfield Lodge Nursing Home, Margaret, widow of Kenneth Hillard of Eton College. A much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation to be followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Foxton Parish Church on Tuesday 14th November at 12.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations in memory to St Laurence Church c/o Cambridge Funeral Services, CB5 8PA.

HILL - The funeral took place quietly of the former Chief Executive of Lancashire County Council Mr Brian Hill C.B.E., D.L., LL.B., on Wednesday 1st November 1995. A public memorial service will take place at Preston Parish Church on Friday 15th December 1995 at 11 am. The family wish to acknowledge the outstanding contribution to Brian's care made by the consultant Mr Rory McCloy and his team at Manchester Royal Infirmary and would be grateful if any donations could be made payable to: "The Rory McCloy Pancreatic Research Fund" c/o Mr Colin Roberts, Keogh Ritson Solicitors, Gould House, 59 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4QP.

HODGSON - Peter Dennis Albert Hodgson L.R.A.M. English Composer. Born August 1st 1928, died 7th November 1995. After two years of operations and treatment lost the brave fight. Any donations to Cancer Research.

HOWELL - Lilian Mary born Liverpool October 14th 1910, and who served her country in the W.R.A.F. for 8 years, folded her wings November 3rd 1995 at her home with the R.A.F.A., Sussexdown. Cremation of this much loved lady will take place at 12.15 pm on November 9th at Eastbourne Crematorium. Donations to the R.A.F.A. who have cared for her so well can be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex, tel: (01903) 234516.

KORTS - Gus Korts MBE, died peacefully on November 5th 1995 at Oakcroft House Nursing Home, West Byfleet. Dearly loved husband of Rene and beloved father of Ann Carpenter and Jenny Patchett. Funeral Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford, on Monday November 13th 1995 at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Woking. Donations, if desired, please to Samaritans c/o G. Boutell & Son, 80 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey KT14 7QL, tel: (01932) 345037.

LASSAM - Jack Waterfield, peacefully at Marie Curie Centre, Caterham, on 6th November after a long illness borne with courage and remarkable good humour. Beloved husband of Yvonne.

LOVERIDGE - Richard, on November 6th, peacefully at home in Walsingham, Norfolk. Funeral Requiem at St Peter's Church, Great Walsingham, on Monday November 13th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations for St Peter's Church Restoration Fund.

McMANUS - On 5th November, peacefully at his London home, Owen Francis aged 59, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and father of "Lizzie", Francis, Owen and Caroline and grandfather of James and Amber Elizabeth. Funeral Mass at St Joseph's R.C. Church, Aylesbury, on Monday 13th November at 11 am, to be followed by burial. No flowers, donations to Cancer Research appreciated. Reception Mass at St Joseph's, Sunday November 12th at 7.30 pm.

MUNDAY - Veronica May, on 6th November with her family around her at St Bart's Hospital. She fought so bravely against leukaemia and gave us all a precious year, a daughter to Maisie, wife to Ron, mother of Nick, Paul, Joanne and Veronica-Anne, grandmother of nine beautiful children. Funeral Mass at The Church of The Immaculate Conception, Epping, at 1.30 pm Tuesday 14th November to be followed by a burial at Epping Cemetery. Flowers to 4 Churchfield, Church Hill, Epping. (01992) 560186.

PITT - On Monday 6th November, peacefully at home, Robert Ian aged 78 years. Most dearly loved father of Wendy and Sally. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, on Friday 10th November at 3 pm. Flowers to Ashton's, 140 Alexander Road, Wimbledon, SW19 7JY.

POOLTON - On 31st October 1995 suddenly at home in Godalming and of Knutsford, Peter James Poolton, aged 36 years, the dear son of the late Dennis and the late Lin and the much loved brother and brother-in-law of Helen and Tim and devoted uncle to Jessica and Katie. Funeral Service and Committal at Altrincham Crematorium on Wednesday 8th November at 2 pm. Flowers or donations for medical care in Malawi. Flowers, donations and enquiries to Dodgson's Funeral Service, 25 Manchester Road, Knutsford, tel: (01565) 634251. There will be a Memorial Service at Charterhouse, Godalming on Thursday 7th December. Details from Headmaster's Secretary, tel: (01483) 291601.

RIDLEY - Jean Evelyn on November 4th 1995 suddenly and peacefully in hospital, aged 78. Beloved wife of the late Henry and adored mother of Nicholas and Jane and devoted grandmother of Nelion, Tiggy, Jocelyn, Alice, Victoria and Caroline. A private cremation will be followed by a service of thanksgiving at St Catherine's Church, Gosfield on Monday, November 13th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations, if wished, to RNLI or Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, c/o G Collins and Sons, 4 The Street, White Notley, Witham, Essex CM8 1RH.

SHAPLAND - On November 5th, peacefully at home, Eric Albert Penberthy aged 83 years, beloved husband of Joan, dearest father of David and Guy and father-in-law of Margaret and Rosemary and grandfather of Michael, Peter and Anna. Service at St John's Church, Shirley, on Friday November 10th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council c/o J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

VINES - Clare A.J. on 6th November 1995, formerly of Petersham, after a short illness. Much loved and respected mother of seven and grandmother to sixteen, who kept open house to friends and family for many, many years. She joins Murray her husband of sixty years who died a year ago. Both are sorely missed. Funeral Service at St Peter's, Petersham, at 2 pm on Monday 13th November. Family flowers only but donations to Find Your Feet c/o T.H. Sanders, 447 Upper Richmond Road West, SW14 7PR, (0181) 876-4675.

WEST - Major John Lewis West MBE (Mil) on 5th November 1995 peacefully in Thames Bank Nursing Home, very dear husband of the late Camilla, father of Anthony ("Stinker"), father-in-law of Sarah and grandfather of Robert, Tim and Charlie - much loved by them all. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Whitchurch-on-Thames, on Tuesday 14th November at 10.45 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers by his request but donations if desired to Royal British Legion c/o Lovegroves, 58 Briants Avenue, Reading.

WINGATE GRAY - Suddenly and peacefully on November 3rd 1995, Brigadier W.M. Wingate Gray O.B.E., M.C. and BAR, late The Blackwatch and S.A.S., aged 74. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11 7NL, on Wednesday 15th November at 1.30 pm family only. Memorial Service - mid January to be announced later. Donations if desired to SAFFA. Much loved and mourned by family and friends.

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A reason that we must take "on faith"
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However hard it may be
And trust we'll find comfort when we know
The reason we now can't see.
By our side always
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MEMORIAL SERVICES

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OBITUARIES

SIR PETER STALLARD

Sir Peter Stallard, KCMG, CVO, MBE, former Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man, died on October 25 aged 80. He was born on March 6, 1915.



PETER STALLARD played a leading role in preparing Nigeria for independence as Secretary to the first Federal Prime Minister, Sir Abubakar Rafawa Balewa. The two men developed such a mutual respect that Balewa presented the Stallards before they left with some gold coins he had brought back with him from a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Stallard felt a great sense of personal loss on hearing the news in January 1966 that the Prime Minister had first disappeared then been found murdered in a ditch after a coup against his Government in Lagos. But by that time he had left Nigeria. One of his last responsibilities had been to help to prepare a visit by the Queen at the time of independence in 1960 (he had been appointed CVO in 1956 and was created KCMG in 1961).

Within a year the newly knighted colonial servant was on his way to take up the governorship of British Honduras (now Belize) in Central America. His arrival was hardly auspicious. Hurricane Hattie had just swept through the tiny country, leaving behind it an awe-inspiring trail of destruction.

Not even the Governor's Residence had been spared. A tidal wave had engulfed it and had not yet fully subsided. The portraits of imperial monarchs and prime ministers adorning the stairs were still partly submerged while a tidemark was visible halfway up Edward VII. It must have seemed a distant cry from the quiet country parishes in England he had known as a boy.

Although born in Norfolk, Peter Hyla Gawne Stallard was largely brought up in Devon where his father was vicar of Ottery St Mary. He went from Bromsgrove School in Worcestershire to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, before being accepted for the colonial administrative service in Northern Nigeria. He spent a fourth year at Oxford learning Hausa before leaving for Kaduna in 1937.

Two years later his career was interrupted by the Second World War. Commissioned into the Royal West African Frontier Force, he served in Nigeria and the Gold Coast before being posted to Burma where he was appointed a military MBE in 1945 and promoted to lieutenant-colonel.

Returning to Nigeria, he was known as Colonel Stallard for a while as he climbed through the ranks of the colonial administration, moving in due course from the North to the federal capital of Lagos. He became Secretary to the Prime Minister — and the emerging Cabinet — in 1958.

Leaving Nigeria in 1961, he spent five years in British Honduras before coming back to this country in 1966. Stallard next accepted a Home Office post as Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man. It was a happy choice as his mother, a Miss Gawne before her marriage, belonged to a well-known Manx family.

The arrival of the new Lieutenant-Governor and his wife was not terribly promising, however, although not quite as dramatic as their touchdown in British Honduras. In spite of a visiting stream of VIPs, Government House at that time had few domestic staff.

Before one early luncheon party for the Queen, who was punctuating her progress further north with a stop in the Isle of Man, Lady Stallard was up until the small hours scraping carrots while her husband had to double up as the wine waiter. To his horror as he filled his monarch's glass, he saw several fragments of cork in HM claret.

He need not have worried. Before he could do anything about it a royal finger unerringly targeted the flotsam, fishing it out as if coping with such an intrusion by foreign bodies was an everyday occurrence at the Palace. Meanwhile Lord Mountbatten, one of the royal party, reeled off a succession of "knock knock, who's there?" jokes.

Stallard spent seven years as Lieutenant-Governor — a post which then carried more executive functions than it does today. It included his presiding over Tynwald, the island's Parliament. In 1974 he retired to Somerset.

He took a part-time job between 1976 and 1985 as president of the Devon and Cornwall Rent Assessment Panel. But he concentrated mostly on voluntary work. He became president of the Somerset Association of Boys Clubs and chairman of the Dartmoor Steering Group and was a Knight of St John. An active committed churchman, he was also on his local parochial church council. Golf, meanwhile, provided him with his main relaxation.

A tall, slim, quiet and rather private man who kept his own counsel, Peter Stallard is survived by his wife Molly (known as "Mumbo" within her family) whom he met through her brother, a contemporary of his at Oxford, and by a son and a daughter.

PHILIP RAWSON



Philip Rawson, writer, artist and teacher, died on November 6 aged 71. He was born on January 13, 1924.

IN HIS lifetime Philip Rawson received little public recognition beyond his fellowship of the Royal College of Art and centenary medal from the Guild of Designer Craftsmen. Yet the consistent popularity of his many art books on both sides of the Atlantic underlines the influence his ideas have exerted. Even at the time of his death a new study of his on the art of sculpture was being prepared for publication by Pennsylvania University.

The son of a Middlesbrough industrialist, Philip Stanley Rawson was sent to school at Winchester College. After being invalided out of the Fleet Air Arm and a short wartime course at Oxford University, he taught himself Sanskrit in order to gain entrance to London University's School of Oriental and African Studies. His published master's thesis on *The Indian Sword* remains a standard reference work on the subject.

After an assistant curatorship at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, he became in 1960 founding curator of the Gulbenkian Museum of Oriental Art at Durham University, where he was to spend the next 15 years.

Within the oriental field as well as teaching and publishing a range of books — among them *Indian Painting* (1961), *Indian Sculpture* (1966) and *The Art of Tantra* (1978) — he organised two major exhibitions: *Music and Dance in Indian Art* for the Edinburgh International Festival of 1963, and *Tantra* at the then new Hayward Gallery, London, in 1973.

But his professional involvement with oriental art revealed only part of a rich and complex character, whose sheer range of interests tended to disconcert more conventional fellow academics. He had studied musical composition with Egon Wellesz and Karl Rankl, and opera and singing with Jani Strasser, performing as tenor with Strasser's London Ensemble Singers in the 1940s.

Other achievements also took place beyond the strict demarcation lines of academia. During the Second World War he became a student and friend of the German sculptor and art-historian Kurt Badt, who had sought refuge in England. It was Badt who laid the foundations of Rawson's fine art practice. His dual personality as an artist-scholar found expression in a series of books on drawing, ceramics and design.

He was a gifted teacher, and it was natural that he should wish to create an opportunity to share his various insights with students. He began to teach in the Painting School of the Royal College of Art, at first part-time, later becoming a full-time senior tutor there (1977-80), as well as contributing to the RCA sculpture and ceramics courses. When he subsequently took up the post of Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Goldsmiths' College (1981-84), it at first seemed the ideal opportunity for him, although while in office he had to preside over a stormy period of cuts and rationalisations.

On his retirement to west Dorset in 1984 Rawson was able to devote his energies to his writing and his art. In spite of declining health, he still continued to teach on an occasional basis — equally at home whether speaking with art students at the local sixth form college, lecturing to Sotheby's fine art courses, or advising artist-potters in the United States, where he acquired an enthusiastic new following with the US publication in 1984 of his book *Ceramics*.

In addition to his published works — 25 in total — his artistic estate includes an extensive and virtually unseen legacy of figurative and abstract drawings and sculptures spanning five decades of work, much of it intimately tied in with the investigations and aesthetic theories he formulated in his writings.

Philip Rawson is survived by his widow Barbara and one son.

ALEXANDER OGSTON

Alexander Ogston, petroleum technologist, died at Tenafly, New Jersey, on October 7 aged 90. He was born in London on April 27, 1905.

ONE of a small band of fuel specialists in Britain and the United States in the 1930s and 1940s, Alec Ogston made an important contribution to the performance of the RAF's fighters in the Battle of Britain. His role in the procurement of 100-octane petrol gave the Hurricane and Spitfire that little boost to their performance that helped to tilt the balance during a vital summer of air combat in 1940.

The son of a London silk broker, Alexander Ogston was educated at Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood. He showed an international bent when, in 1920, he went to the Lycée Condorcet in Paris, before returning to Merchant Taylors'. In 1921 he persuaded the early experimenters with wireless transmissions from the Eiffel Tower to let him make a brief broadcast, in English, to be picked up on a crystal set at Merchant Taylors' School. It was one of the first private radio links across the Channel.

Between 1923 and 1926 he studied petroleum technology at the St John Cass Technical Institute and learnt to fly at the de Havilland flying school at Stag Lane. In 1926 he joined the Moore and George Petroleum Testing Laboratories in London, showing such aptitude that in the following year he was appointed chief chemist to the Cities Services oil company. There he worked on improved specifications for aviation and motorcar petrols and oil, research for which took him for a year to oil refineries in Oklahoma.

This led to an invitation to become technical consultant to Cleveland Petrol, a British affiliate of Royal Dutch Shell. There he developed, and introduced into Britain, Cleveland Discol, an alcohol-blended petrol that sought to offer to the humble motorcar that "little extra something" which was to become his quest for aero-engines four years later.

As a diversion, however, in 1935 Ogston joined International Paint to initiate work on providing protection systems for fuel-storage tanks on British aircraft carriers and at RAF stations. In 1938 he was appointed technical supervisor of INTAVA (International Aviation Associates), a specialist company owned jointly by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey (Esso) and Socony-Mobil (Mobiloil) of New York.

With an American colleague, W. W. "Chic" White, he launched into a drive for the higher octane fuels needed to extract the best performance from the new, British supercharged Merlin and Hercules aero-engines. In this they worked with Stanley Hooker of Rolls-Royce and Roy Fedden of Bristol.

With Ernest Bass of Shell, Ogston and White established the value of aromatics (organic compounds having an unsaturated ring) as a component of 100-octane fuel for RAF fighters — a mixture ruled out in American aviation fuel because it dissolved the rubber seals standard in the American fuel systems. As a result of this work, in 1938 the first cargo of crude oil of high aromatic content for the RAF arrived in Britain from the Dutch East Indies in the Anglo-American Oil Company's tanker *Beaconhill*.

From this cargo INTAVA was able to supply a blend of 90 per cent iso-octane and 10 per cent heptane, together with 3.66cc per gallon of tetraethyl-lead — a "magic formula" with which Ogston had been especially concerned. This fuel became the essential "reference fuel" to which all future supplies of 100-octane had to conform.

When war broke out INTAVA became the chief supplier (Shell took 30 per cent) of 100-octane fuel to Britain. But there were initial problems of supply to Britain because the United States'



Neutrality Act forbade the export of strategic materials to the war zone. These were resolved by buying fuel for cash in US dollars and shipping it to Britain in non-American vessels — the so-called Cash and Carry solution, ahead of Lend-Lease.

Briefly commissioned in the RAF when war began, Ogston was soon released and in 1942 he was sent to the United States to co-ordinate British and American fuel specifications and requirements. With the advent of the gas turbine engine Ogston was involved in pioneering work on the preparation and production of synthetic lubricating oils which led to their universal use in the civil and military jet aircraft of today.

In 1947 he became Esso's senior aviation technical adviser, based in New York. As such he visited more than 60 airlines and military establishments in 80 different countries, to advise on fuel requirements and airport fuel installations. In 1957 he became a founder member of the Fuel Advisory Panel of IATA — the International Air Transport Association.

After his retirement from Exxon (the successor company to Esso for aviation fuels) in 1970, Ogston remained in America as an independent aviation and marine petroleum consultant, also studying the handling of oil tankers. He was, too, involved in the introduction of ship simulators for training tanker masters, in parallel with such training for airline pilots.

In New York, Ogston was for many years a member of the board of governors of the Wings Club. He was the chairman of its historical and education committee and presided over the selection of speakers for its annual *Sight* lectures.

He had been elected a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 1944 and in 1990 was honoured by the Society of Automotive Engineers by being elected a fellow at an international congress in Detroit — a rare distinction.

Ogston married Morag Mackenzie in 1960 and is survived by her and by two stepchildren.

SIR MICHAEL HIGGS

Sir Michael Higgs, Conservative MP for Bromsgrove, 1950-55, died on October 20 aged 83. He was born on May 30, 1912.

MICHAEL HIGGS was an old-style Conservative MP — a provincial solicitor, a Territorial officer who had a good war, a politician who never sought or even hoped for government office and a man who was dedicated to public service.

Higgs was born in Stourton, Staffordshire. His father was an alderman and a solicitor (Higgs himself represented the third generation of his family to be in legal practice). He was educated at Shrewsbury School and Birmingham University, where he took his law degree before being admitted solicitor in 1934. He was a prewar Territorial Gunner and served with his unit in France in the early days of the Second World War. Later he was posted to the Middle East and served on the staff of the Judge Advocate General.

He was demobilised with the rank of lieutenant-colonel and was soon elected to Staffordshire County Council, sitting for Brierley Hill originally as an independent. He was elected to the Commons at his first attempt, scraping in for the new Bromsgrove seat in 1950 with a majority of 190 in a three-cornered fight. In the following year's general election, with Conservative fortunes flourishing, his majority was a more respectable 2,653 and when he decided to leave the Commons he was able to hand



a safe seat to his successor, James Dance.

Higgs left the House because of his responsibilities to his legal practice but he was soon elected for Bromsgrove again — this time as a Worcestershire county councillor, when his former constituents returned him unopposed. He later became an alderman and chairman of the council, a post he held for 14 years. In 1972 he became chairman of the committee which set up the Hereford-Worcester County Council and the next year he was appointed chairman of this new county authority. He believed the chairman should be independent and promptly resigned as chairman of the Conservative group, a typical move by a man who was motivated more by public service than party advantage. He was knighted in 1969.

He married, in 1936, Diana Jerrams, who died in 1950. Two years later he married Rachel Mary Jones, OBE, who survives him with the four children of the two marriages.

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From Our Racing Correspondent

Arkle has the world of steeplechasing at his feet. Anyone who had ever queried his supremacy must have cast his doubts to the wind at Sandown Park on Saturday when Anne Duchess of Westminster's peerless eight-year-old gave a breathtaking performance to win the Gallaher Gold Cup.

Arkle outclassed the opposition and in so doing showed that not only is he a great horse, but probably the greatest steeplechaser to grace the winners' enclosure of any English racecourse. Naturally, after the race those people with a longer memory of racing than mine were comparing Arkle with Golden Miller, whose name is already immortal in racing circles. The majority were of the opinion that Arkle is the best steeplechaser that they had ever seen, but it should be remembered that the conditions of races when Golden Miller was in his prime differed to those of today.

Golden Miller also had the class to win a Grand National at the early age of seven, carrying 12st 2lb., but F. Walwyn, the trainer of Mill House, was in no doubt on Saturday about Arkle's standing. "I had the honour to ride Golden Miller", he said, "but unquestionably Arkle is the greatest steeplechaser of all time." Walwyn also said that he was reluctant to allow Mill House to oppose Arkle, ever again, but he could make no decision about plans until he had consulted the owner, Mr. W.H. Gollings.

A strong, cold wind blew at Sandown but an enormous crowd attended the meeting in brilliant autumn sunshine. It was a thrilling occasion, one that will not be forgotten for a long time by anyone who was present.

The blinkered Candy made a brief attempt to set a strong gallop, but Mill House soon deprived him of the lead with a series of superlative jumps. P. Taaffe, was having difficulty in restraining Arkle as they raced down the back straight for the first time. Arkle joined Mill House at the pond fence and as the old rivals led the field past the stands for the first time the vast crowd applauded them spontaneously, something that I had never heard before during a race. Arkle led Mill House as they raced downhill to the fence before the turn into the back straight, but D. Nicholson, knowing that he had to make the best use of his horse's stamina and condition, soon sent Mill House past Arkle. Racing over the railway fences Mill House gave a flawless, exhibition of bold jumping, meeting every fence exactly right and gaining priceless lengths in the process. His leaps drew gasps and applause from the grandstand, but to no avail. Arkle was still cruising on the bit. Taaffe gave his old favourite a little rein as they approached the pond fence for the last time and Arkle swept effortlessly up to take the lead. The writing was on the wall.

Arkle accelerated as if in overdrive to draw away from Mill House over the last two fences. He passed the winning post to the accompaniment of deafening cheers, that rang like music in our ears, a fitting tribute to a great horse and a wonderful race.

Having given his best Mill House could do no more, and Nicholson wisely accepted the situation. Mill House was challenged for second place over the last fence and passed on the run-in by Rondetto, who ran a fine race considering that it was his first appearance of the season.

Arkle was accorded applause that only a champion deserves when he returned to the winners' enclosure, where Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother presented Anne Duchess of Westminster with the handsome Gallaher Gold Cup. When he dismounted Taaffe remarked that Arkle had never been out of a canter.

ON THIS DAY

November 8, 1965

In describing the career of the famous horse Red Rum, who died recently, some writers recalled the successes of Arkle, an earlier champion steeplechaser.

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Once the symbol of a failed housing policy, run-down tower blocks are being given a new lease of life. **Rachel Kelly** reports

High hopes for the hated high-rise

For decades, tower blocks have been among our most hated buildings. We think of the urine-soaked, broken lifts; of bacteria flourishing in the heating systems; of graffiti-covered passages. Any local council courting popularity does well to blow up these blocks at weekend civic fireworks displays. If one building symbolises the failure of Utopian postwar planning, and modern architecture in general, then it is the tower block.

Even when blocks are listed, they are not safe, it seems. Last week, the future of the country's only listed block came into doubt. A housing charity was seeking National Lottery funds for the repair of Keeling House, in east London, but was refused by the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

Keeling House was designed by Sir Denys Lasdun in 1955 and was listed by the then Heritage Secretary Peter Brooke in 1993 as Grade II* for being "an architecturally outstanding example" of public housing in the 1950s. The building is special because it was a reaction to Corbusian Utopianism. While Le Corbusier wished to raze cities to the ground, Lasdun wanted to recreate some of the virtues of East End life. So there are public and private balconies and drying rooms, the equivalent of streets and backyards. The idea was to make people feel at home.

Many former residents are still fond of the place. But the block in Bethnal Green is now badly in need of repair, though structurally sound. Lumps of masonry periodically fall from its walls. It is the subject of a Dangerous Structures Notice. Some residents complained of rattling windows, draughts and leaks, and all were rehoused by Tower Hamlets council. Empty, Keeling House is crumbling, and costs £80,000 a year to maintain.

The Peabody Trust submitted an application to the National Heritage Memorial Fund for £9 million to restore the 16-storey block. The plan was that the Trust would buy the block for £1. It would have restored the building and let it out. Rents would be about £75 a week for a studio flat, £120 for a two-bedroom flat.

Without lottery money, Keeling House will now almost certainly be pulled down, although its architectural merit and importance have already been recognised by its listing. Although the technology to repair the building has been available for a decade, it is so expensive that no local authority, particularly one as hard-pressed as Tower Hamlets, could consider it.

> 'The heritage industry wants to save the blocks'

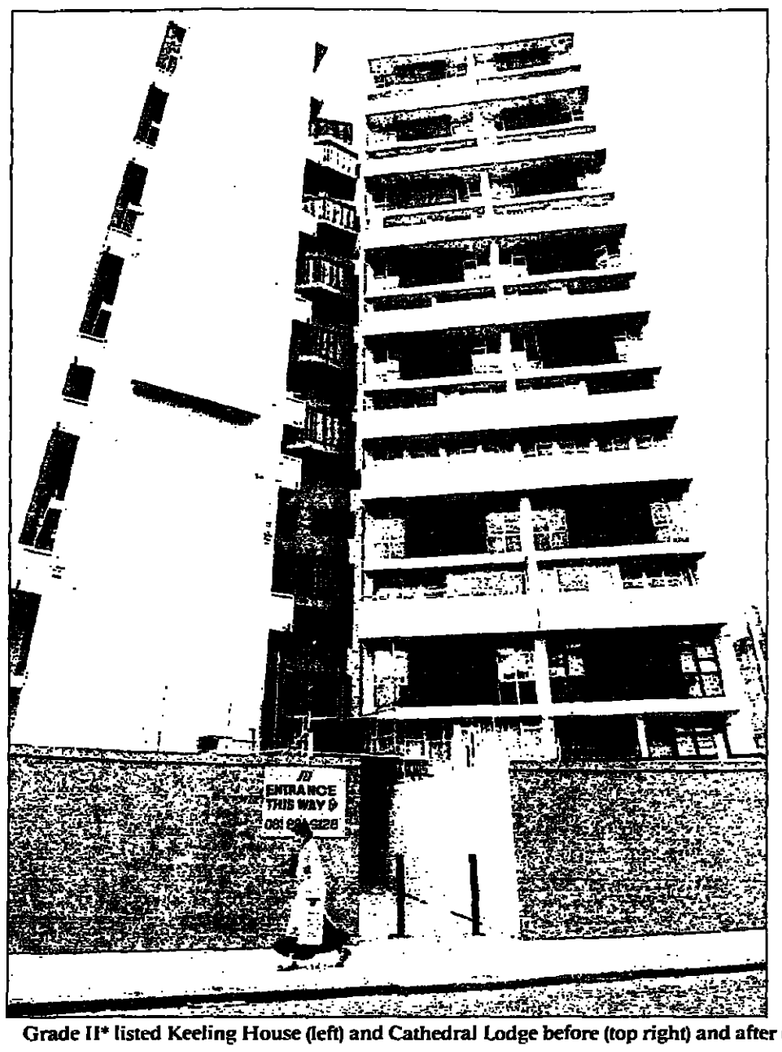
Given Keeling House's fate, it seems difficult to argue that tower blocks, along with other modern architecture, are being reassessed. But the point is that Keeling House was listed in the first place. Its value was recognised. It makes a nonsense of listing if it is now to be pulled down. Are lottery funds only to be given to old buildings?

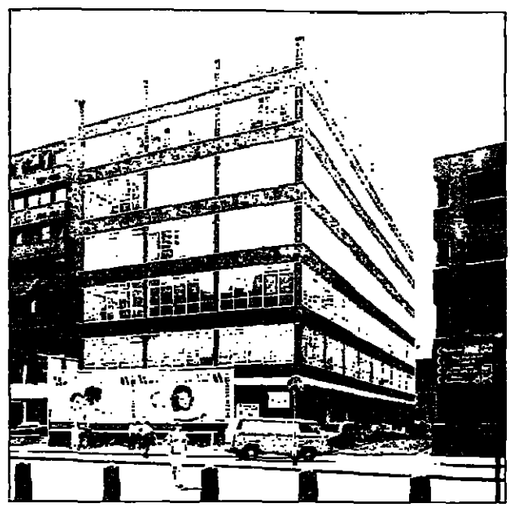
Keeling's listing proved that, for the first time, raw concrete has its champions. The debate between what is good and bad in architecture is becoming more sophisticated. We no longer just think old equals good, new equals bad.

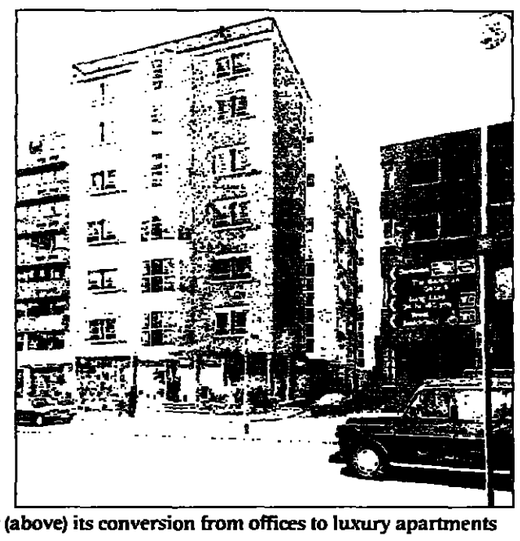
The ball began rolling in the conservation world in 1987, when English Heritage, the quango charged with selecting buildings for listing, agreed that property only 30 years old could be included.

Among the buildings listed were a hotch-potch of 1950s houses, characterised by their flat roofs and box shapes.

Then, two years ago, came Keeling's listing. The Peabody Trust's development director, Dick Robinson, says: "This is an outstanding postwar building in terms of the Modern Movement and the history of social housing. The issue will be whether the heritage industry thinks it is worth saving."







Grade II* listed Keeling House (left) and Cathedral Lodge before (top right) and after (above) its conversion from offices to luxury apartments

The industry, headed by the Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, is also busy deciding on the future of 40 other postwar buildings, including Millbank Tower, on the Embankment, London SW1, and Centre Point, the 385ft tower on Tottenham Court Road, W1, designed by Richard Seifert and completed in 1962, which were put forward for listing this May. The Department of National Heritage has allowed property owners and the public to comment on whether buildings should be listed, and more than 20,000 people have replied.

A decision has yet to be announced, to the irritation of property owners who have delayed work as their buildings have effectively been blighted. The British Property Federation is calling for specific aspects of buildings to be listed, such as the façades, instead of whole developments.

Alan Powers, secretary of the 20th Century Society, which campaigns to preserve modern buildings, says: "There used to be no general climate of appreciation for postwar buildings.

"Things have changed a lot now. English Heritage has been much more active than we expected and so has the Department of National Heritage. There is a lot of official weight behind postwar listing now."

Dr Powers says that although postwar buildings are often associated with the failures of grand ambitions, of social engineerings and a cherished past that has been swept away, the ambitions were worthwhile: to create a better world in which people would live in clean, bright, warm homes with indoor bathrooms.

The real failure was not the buildings so much as allocating the wrong people to live in them, says Mr Robinson. Families were ill-suited. Single people would have been better.

Such private buyers and tenants are beginning to emerge. They are reappraising tower blocks, or rather modern "apartments" as the marketers call them. Developers are redeveloping high-rise blocks and selling them as work-orientated bases for those without families who wish to be centrally located. They are being sold not as tower blocks but as penthouses with fabulous, New York-style views. It doesn't matter if you only meet your neighbours in the lift if you are home for only a few hours a day.

The developer Regalian has been very successful selling new flats at Peninsular Heights on the Albert Embankment.

The block has been reclad and turned into a modern apartment building, with flats for sale for about £500,000 for two bedrooms and two bathrooms, with parking space and a gym. On the King's Road, Whitelands House is being redeveloped, while Fountain House on Park Lane has been topped with four new penthouses.

Barratt has been busy too, repackaging office blocks. Its second conversion of redundant offices to what it describes as "luxury apartments" is at Aldersgate Street in London EC1. The workaday exterior of Teziak House is to be reclad in a brick façade and a curved glass window, and the building renamed Cathedral Lodge. There will be private underground parking and closed-circuit television security. One-bedroom flats will sell for £119,995. The scheme is 80 per cent sold, despite the fact that the first homes will not be ready until spring 1996.

So much for the redundant modern block. It would be encouraging if Keeling House could be given a similar new lease of life.

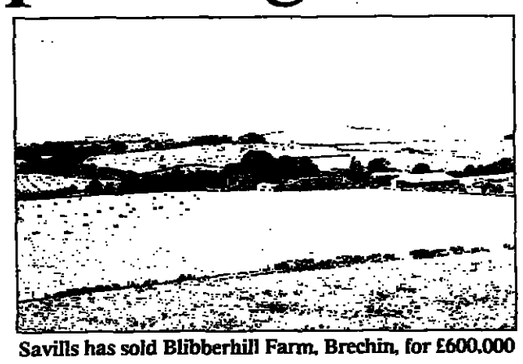
Rich pickings on farms

Demand for arable land has seen prices soar

The market for farms and their surrounding acres is booming, thanks to European subsidies and a shortage of land, new figures show. Savills reports that the average value of land with vacant possession has risen by 15 per cent in the first half of 1995. The year-on-year increase now stands at 22 per cent, with a total increase since mid-1993 of 48 per cent.

With a static housing market, but a buoyant farmland market, it is making sense to split up estates, with the main house selling separately from its farm and land, says Crispin Holborrow from Savills.

Tythrop Park, for example, an estate on the Oxfordshire-Buckinghamshire border, was sold in lots recently, with the main lot being the 12-bedroom house and 11 acres, and the other 584 acres, lodge and five estate houses sold separately.



Savills has sold Blibberhill Farm, Brechin, for £600,000

Other agents complain that competition for farms is so fierce that there is a dearth of supply. In Gloucestershire, agents do not have a single commercial farm on their books. Burton Knowles in Gloucester recently sold the 160-acre New Hall Farm at Chaceley, near Tewkesbury, with a house and buildings. Agricultural agent Matthew Peters says: "We expected it to sell for £450,000 but it went to £613,000 at auction. We are seeing this all the time because the demand is so great."

In 1991, arable land was selling for £1,000 an acre and now it sells for about £2,000.

Knight Frank & Rutley's office in Cirencester sold its last farm, Standish Park Farm, near Stonehouse, for more than the £1.5 million guide price.

Seven farmers recently bid in a private auction for 243-acre Swyre Farm, near Cirencester, which fetched £200,000 more than the reserve price of £1.39 million.

Clive Hopkins, a London-based partner in Knight Frank & Rutley, says: "There is a shortage of land everywhere. Farmers consider the short to medium-term prospects are good enough to sustain farms for a time. Everything is right at the moment, with low interest rates and good European subsidies. All this could change overnight if the subsidies for arable land and set-aside are changed, but that is not likely in the long term. Farmers are buying up all the land as it becomes available either to increase their acreage or to buy new farms and then invest in men and machines to run it."

Geoffrey Hopton, of the Country Landowners' Association, says devaluation of the pound is partly responsible for this new-found wealth of farmers. "Without this, the UK arable profitability would have suffered a 22-23 per cent decline over the last three years."

RACHEL KELLY

Buyers now have the chance to live in a cottage on one of the great estates

Lease a piece of history

The National Trust is selling the leases to six cottages on the Shugborough estate, family home of the Earls of Lichfield in Staffordshire. *Rachel Kelly writes.*

The estate was given to the trust in 1966, but the present Lord Lichfield still lives in part of the main Georgian house, built in 1693 for Thomas Anson, the brother of Admiral George Anson, who circumnavigated the globe.

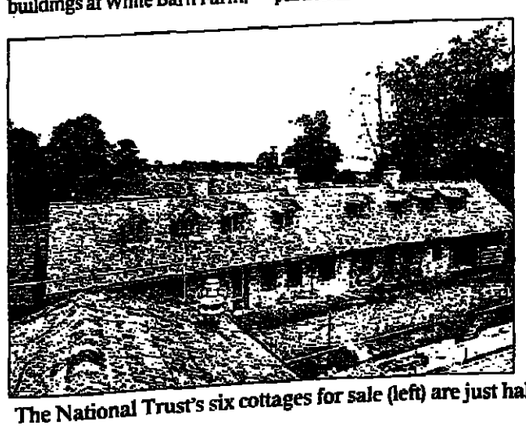
The cottages, priced between £80,000 and £140,000 on 99-year leases, have been converted from former farm buildings at White Barn Farm, half a mile from the main house in the 900-acre grounds. They are part of a complex of buildings that includes a lime-washed main barn block, built in 1760, an L-plan barn, and other storage buildings, all of which have been restored by the trust.

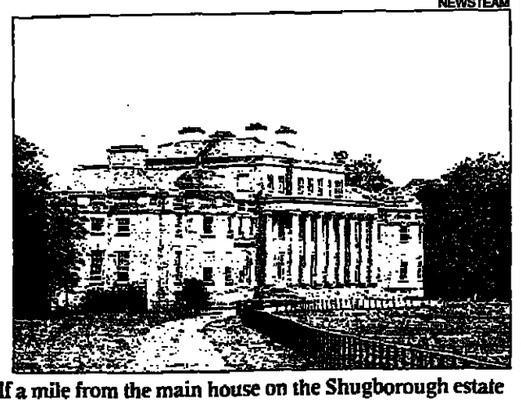
"These farm buildings are of particular interest," Julian Gibbs, the National Trust's historic adviser, says. "The White Barn once housed the first water-powered threshing machine in Staffordshire. The main barn is highly decorated with an ornamental pediment."

The cottages have double-glazing, modern kitchens and bathrooms, gardens and garages. "Enormous care has been taken by the restorers over the integrity of the cottages' history, appearance and method of construction, retaining as much as possible of their original design and quality." Three cottages have been fully restored while the other three will be finished by January. Restoration will be paid for by the sale of the leases.

New owners will be able to enjoy the use of the estate grounds, which are let to Staffordshire County Council, and to see the rare breeds of farm animals, such as longhorn cattle, on show at Park Farm in the grounds.

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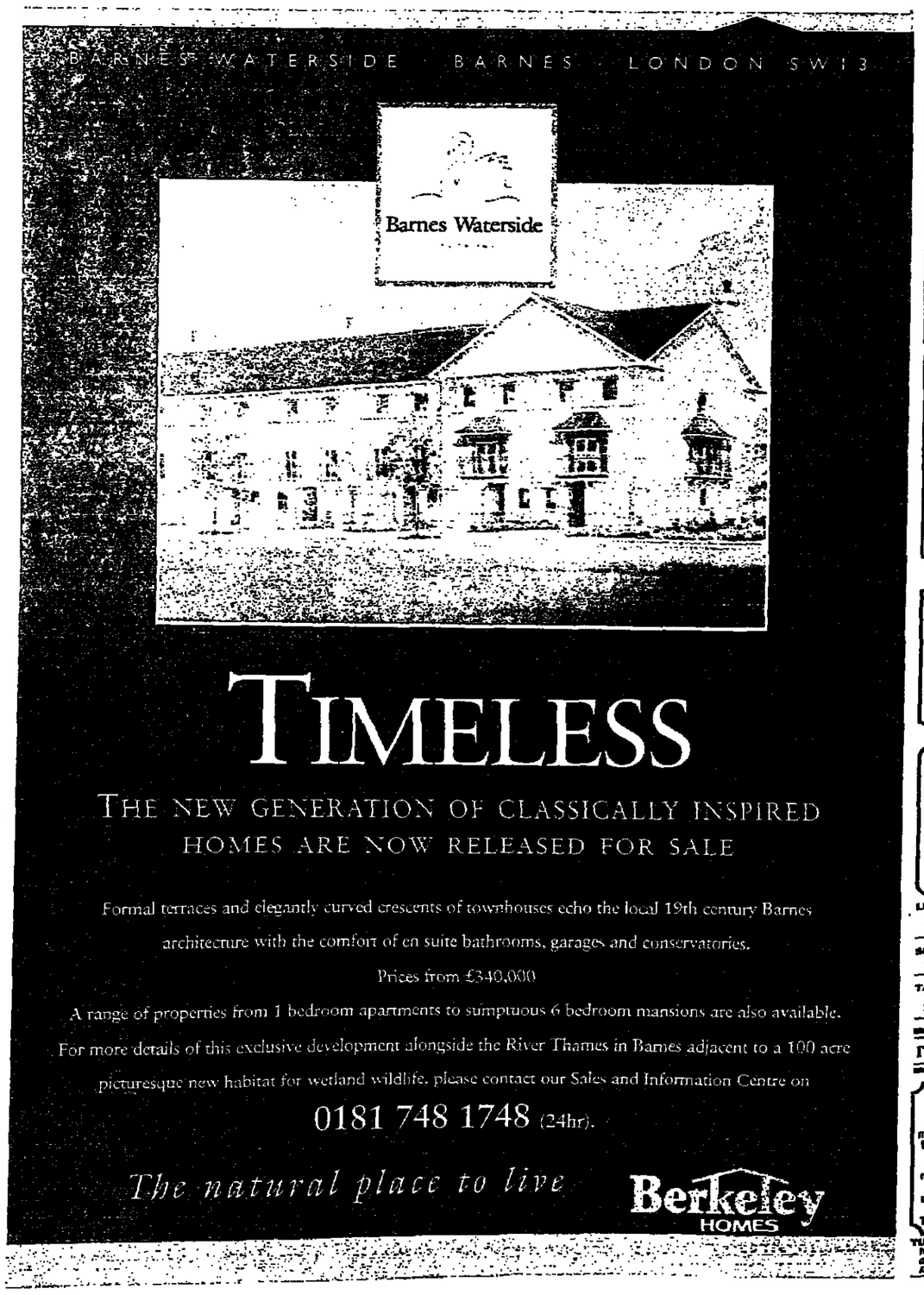
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Journalists in Hong Kong are not optimistic about their future



BRENDA MADDOX

FOR A journalist whose mind is usually elsewhere, coming to Hong Kong is like turning up at a strange house on the eve of a party. Masses of others are arriving, in high excitement.

"This is a hot story," says Jonathan Mirsky, *The Times*'s Hong Kong correspondent, explaining the influx of media heavyweights. On the world press agenda, Hong Kong has had an upgrade. A place that used to be covered by stringers (freelances who pay their own rent) or by roving Far East specialists is now acquiring full-time bureaux, staffed by high-ranking bureau chiefs.

The New York Times, *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times* and ABC Television are among those strengthening their Hong Kong base in order to cover the handover — the *unschluss*, Mirsky calls it — of the British colony to the People's Republic of China at midnight on July 1, 1997.

But will the media stars stay on after the fireworks? They ought to. Because the real story will begin then. What is about to happen is unprecedented — a British colony becoming, not independent, but part of another sovereign state, one which happens to be totalitarian.

It is easy to find people in Hong Kong full of optimism that nothing much will change after the big day, that the skyscraper city will continue to gleam, trade and prosper as before. But none of them are journalists. For them the only question is: when and how will the inevitable clampdown on the press begin?

Already, perhaps. Local news organisations in Hong Kong are in a high state of jiners over two recent events. The China-appointed working committee preparing the ground for Hong Kong's future administration has proposed scrapping sections of Hong Kong's new Bill of Rights. In their place it would reinstate six laws on security and censorship left over from colonial days, including the right to censor radio and television.

Then, last week, China said it had no intention of complying with the United Nations' request that after 1997 it file human rights reports on Hong Kong.

"We told you so," the Hong Kong Journalists' Association would be justified in saying. In June the association, 75 per cent of whose members are Hong Kong Chinese, issued a gloomy warning jointly with Article 19, the London-based international anti-censorship organisation, that press freedom is under grave threat in Hong Kong.

The Chinese Government, it said, is already infiltrating the local press, controlling the release of official information, favouring sympathetic journalists over those seen as "pro-British" or "pro-Taiwan", withholding advertising from publications deemed hostile and getting publishers to persuade their editors to see that stories are slanted in China's favour.

It all adds up to "an increasingly pervasive culture of self-censorship", the report said. Its examples included the failure of Hong Kong television stations to show two BBC documentaries which offended China, the dropping of a satiric television chat show and also of a political sassy cartoon strip in the *South China Morning Post*.

I myself heard examples of local journalists scrambling to find a pro-China angle which would elevate their stories to the front page. I also heard of a press conference at which a pro-China official announced that she would take only one question in English; the rest would have to be in Chinese.

These developments are very bad news for local journalists.

Those heroically outspoken now will suffer. "Oh, they'll not be shot or put in jail," I was told by an American observer, "but they'll be stifled. They've no future."

Foreign journalists may not find their lives unchanged either. They know, from their counterparts in Peking, how different the practice of the reporter's craft is in a cold climate. In Peking foreign journalists must be accredited, must live in designated places, and seek permission to interview, to travel out of the city, to film even an ordinary street scene. Their stories are kept on record. Ordinary people are shy of talking to them.

One of those who refuses to be pessimistic is Ted MacFarland, president of Turner International, which distributes Cable News Network International. "They shut us down in Beijing," he says, referring to the Tiananmen Square killings in 1989. "But they didn't kick us out. If they shut us down here, the world will know."

But will the world care, once the hot story cools and Hong Kong is just another bustling Chinese city, with somewhat better architecture? I wouldn't count on it.

THE BLAME for the leak of the Julia Somerville story should fall on whoever decided that this nationally recognisable newscaster should be interviewed at a police station. A telly face is a marketable commodity. Surely the police know that. The way to protect the child in question was to interview Miss Somerville at home.

Alexandra Frean meets the Radio 1 chief whose audience is increasing after two rocky years

Simply music to his ears

MICHAEL POWELL



Matthew Bannister took Radio 1 to the cutting edge, and kept his cool even when five million listeners switched off

Matthew Bannister, Controller of Radio 1, is fond of stating that bands such as Blur, Oasis, and the Boo Radleys would not have broken into the mainstream pop charts had it not been for the patronage of his station. It could equally be argued that Mr Bannister himself might not have survived in his job, were it not for the success of these acts.

After two years of plummeting audiences, Radio 1's listening figures now seem to be stabilising. So far this year the station's weekly audience has risen by nearly one million, to reach around 13 million. The revival in its fortunes have coincided with an extraordinary musical renaissance, symbolised by the graduation of the white, guitar-based acts, collectively known as Britpop bands, from the sidelines of the music industry on to the mainstream pop stage.

"We have really been the catalyst for the explosion of Britpop," Mr Bannister says. "We have been playing Oasis and Blur since long before the media heard about them. What started out as left-field acts on Radio 1 two years ago are now mainstream.

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The reasons for Mr Bannister's decision to turn Radio 1 from an unchallenging chart-based station into a cultural crusader have been well rehearsed. He joined the station exactly two years ago with a mission to reinstate its public service ethos and make it so distinctive from the commercial sector that the Government would have no grounds for privatising it.

The station's older generation of "Smashey and Nicey" DJs were replaced with younger presenters, and its diet of middle-of-the-road, well established artists were usurped by new and emerging acts. Chris Evans, former presenter of Channel 4's *The Big Breakfast* and *Don't Forget Your Toothbrush*, was hired to present the station's flagship breakfast show, in a brilliant publicity coup which also drew public attention to the changes at the network as a whole.

Although the changes initially lost the station 5.2 million listeners, Mr Bannister believes there was and *is* no alternative. With the number of commercial radio stations expected to double to 390 by 2000, Radio 1 justifies its continued public funding (more than £32 million a year) only by being "genuinely and demonstrably different from commercial radio", he says.

Liz Forgan, managing director of BBC Radio, endorsed that view earlier this week when she predicted that the Beeb's radio audience share would drop from 47.8 to 30 per cent within a decade owing to increased competition from the commercial sector.

Reflecting the view of an independent record label, Martin Mills, chairman of Beggars Banquet, believes that Mr Bannister's commitment to promoting new talent has been of enormous benefit to the music industry. Previously unknown acts, such as Prodigy, got their first airplay on Radio 1, he says.

The music industry does have some reservations about Radio 1, however. Jeremy Marsh, president of the UK music division of the record giant BMG, believes that Radio 1 has gone too far. It is now focusing too narrowly on the three to seven million, music-literate, record-buying 15 to 25-year-olds. As a result it is ignoring the wider body of consumers who don't ordinarily buy records — including many of the 300,000 people who last week bought the new single from Robson and Jerome (stars of ITV's *Soldier, Soldier* series). *I Believe*, which went straight into the charts at number one to become the fastest-selling single of the Nineties.

"You need some records that don't challenge people musically. You cannot do everything at the cutting edge of cool, there needs to be a balance," Mr Marsh says. "Most people are normal, they wear Marks & Spencer clothes; they are not over-fashionable and they want simplicity. They want to hear artists such as Annie Lennox and Whitney Houston as well as new bands."

Paul Burger, chairman and chief executive of Sony Music UK, says that Radio 1 risks becoming too formulaic. "Mature" artists or bands that do not fit Radio 1's cutting edge image are being ignored by the station even when they come up with records that would fit its format, he says.

Mr Burger adds: "My advice to Matthew Bannister would be, judge songs on their merits, without stereotyping the artist. Radio 1 professes to be the station that is into music. Well, listen to the music."

Mr Bannister is unbowed. Far from veering back towards the mainstream, he is planning to increase Radio 1's specialist music output, with shows devoted to ragga, reggae and bhangra.

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MPs feel chill of rules on earnings

■ Companies are already discarding MPs as advisers because they feel they are no longer worth the money now that Parliament has adopted new rules on members' outside earnings.

But as many Conservatives came to terms with their falling value in the commercial world, others were thinking of ways round the rules or even threatening to defy them .....Page 1

Arms-to-Iraq convictions quashed

■ The Government was pitched into a second damaging arms-to-Iraq controversy after the Court of Appeal quashed the convictions of four businessmen because vital documents had been withheld from the defence. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled that they had been prevented from mounting a proper defence at their trial in 1992 .....Page 1

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THE artist David Hockney criticised the laws that led to Julia Somerville, the ITN newsreader, and her partner being arrested over pictures of a child taken in the bath..... Page 1

Barker's Booker

Pat Barker unexpectedly beat off Salman Rushdie, the hot favourite with the bookmakers, to win the 1995 Booker Prize for *The Ghost Road*, a story about death and sex in the trenches..... Page 1

Divorce reform

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The inquest into the death of Michael VerMeulen, 38, Editor of *GQ*, the men's magazine, was told that he died from a massive overdose of cocaine..... Page 3

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Rosemary West agreed a pact with her husband that he would take all the blame for their crimes, Winchester Crown Court was told ..... Page 5

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Rape admission

One of three American servicemen who went on trial in Japan admitted raping a 12-year-old girl while his two companions denied rape but admitted abduction and battery..... Page 10

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Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, ordered a surprise Cabinet reshuffle as President Chirac sought to breathe fresh vigour into his flagging presidency and economic reforms ..... Page 12

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Leah Rabin, widow of the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister, accused the opposition Likud Party of creating the climate of tension which led to the death of her husband..... Page 13

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■ Scientists at Harwell nuclear research centre are using the world's most sensitive analytical instrument to unmask wines that pretend to be what they are not. It picks up tiny traces of metals from the soil to identify a wine's origins. The team has been surprised at the huge differences between Chianti and Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon..... Page 4

GIL ALLEN



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It is painfully clear that the margin between the two sides in Quebec was as close as it was in part due to some creative counting by election officials *— The Washington Times*

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SIMON JENKINS

A deliberative chamber without advocates is a game of charades. MPs should be paid by any company, trade union, lobbyist or good cause they like. They should be free to earn as much as they can in the open market, and use the Commons as their forum.....Page 16

JACK STRAW

In return for action to deal with unemployment, to give young people a guarantee of a job or training, to tackle homelessness and to provide proper treatment facilities for drug and alcohol abusers, I have argued that the community should expect responsible behaviour from all.....Page 16

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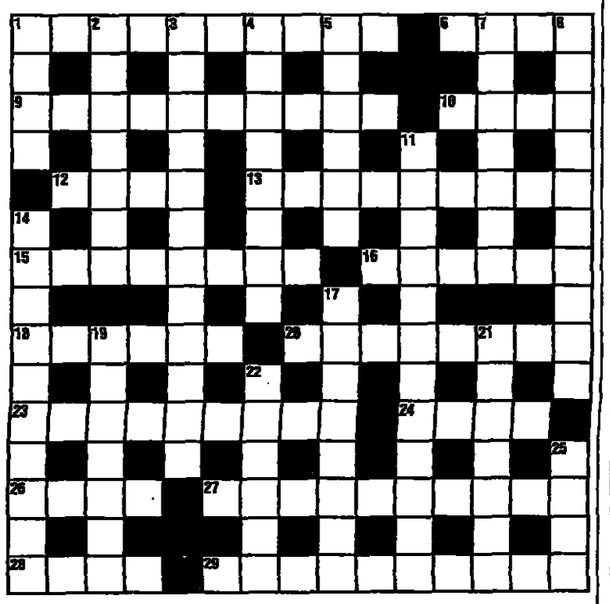
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,007



ACROSS

1 A bit of a bore with money for wine (10).
6 Lead of whom a member must follow? (4).
9 Piece of harness that'll make better profit sooner or later (10).
10 Garment is wrapped around artist's back (4).
12 To sell drugs illegally is offensive (4).
13 Might it contain tot's head, and hair also? (6,3).
15 Exposed liberal to public (4,4).
16 Tree damaged, caught by wings of powerful bird (6).
18 Heart led by opponents at bridge — play another! (6).
20 Within a short time, investment appears ill-judged (8).
23 No leniency here — for those involved with rackets? (4,5).
24 Provide information linking gang-leader to offence (4).
26 It's a very old wicket, so declare (4).
27 Cold drink container English fan wanted after victory (4-6).
28 City, after half-time, barely extended (4).
29 His father was a detective (10).

DOWN

1 Firm doctor appears to get shock under control (4).
2 Silver ring on sea-bed (7).
3 Book that's witty about pop music (8,4).
4 Record organ part (8).
5 Home established and superficially decorated (6).
7 Moorish cover girl (7).
8 Blunt nib and paper without writing (5-5).
11 Favour including as weight valuable piece of basalt (7,5).
14 Valentine card given after piece of music's heard (10).
17 Teacher putting mark one point up (8).
19 Box around ring, only to be laid out on canvas later? (7).
21 Small ruler used in making letters (7).
22 Champ taken round one European city (6).
25 Goose put in inferior oven without any stuffing (4).

This National Final puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 86% of contestants.

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Solution to Puzzle No 20,006

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aberdeen, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Clacton, Essex, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Sella Ness, Shetland, 0.24in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 4.4hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** cloudy with showers. Central and southern parts of England and Wales will be mainly dry except for a little drizzle near the west coast. There will be some brighter intervals but on the whole it will be cloudy. Northern parts will be cloudy, with rain arriving in the evening.

A band of rain will affect Scotland and Northern Ireland for much of the day, and it will be persistent at times in the west. Later in the afternoon northern parts will clear up but showers will remain.

It will be a reasonably mild day, turning colder in the north later.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N:** fine but cloudy. *Wind west to southwest, light. Max 13C (55F).*

☐ **SW England, S Wales:** cloudy, coastal and hill drizzle. Wind southwest, light. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, NE England:** mainly cloudy. Some rain in evening. Wind west to southwest light. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** outbreaks of rain. Wind southwest becoming west to northwest, light or moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rain followed by clearer conditions with showers. Wind west to northwest, moderate, occasionally fresh. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain clearing southern parts to give bright spells and showers. Turning colder

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

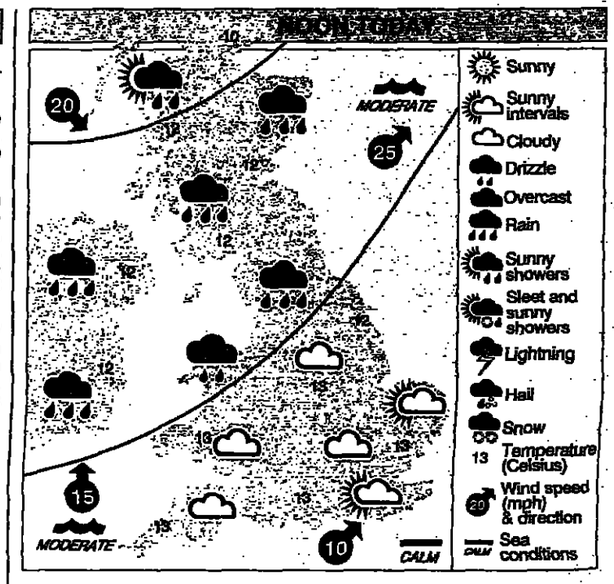
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Anglesey	-	-	15	59	c	London	0.1	-	10	50	c
Aspatria	0.5	0.02	13	55	r	Lowestoft	1.4	-	12	54	b
Aviemore	1.2	-	12	54	c	Manchester	0.2	-	13	55	c
Belfast	0.7	0.01	14	57	c	Margate	0.5	-	10	50	c
Birmingham	0.4	-	13	55	c	Minehead	-	-	13	55	c
Bognor R	0.2	-	11	52	c	Morecambe	-	0.06	13	55	r
Bournem'th	-	-	11	52	c	Newcastle	2.5	0.02	15	59	s
Bristol	-	-	13	55	c	Newquay	0.1	-	14	57	c
Buxton	-	-	12	54	c	Norwich	1.0	-	12	54	b
Cardiff	-	0.03	13	55	d	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	0.5	-	9	48	c	Oxford	0.3	-	12	54	c
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	0.1	-	15	59	c
Colwyn Bay	0.5	0.02	15	59	c	Plymouth	X				
Cromer	0.9	-	11	52	c	Poole	-	-	11	52	c
Doncaster	X					Prestatyn	X	-	15	59	c
Eastbourne	0.2	-	11	52	c	Ross-o-wye	-	-	13	55	c
Edinburgh	2.0	0.04	14	57	r	Salcombe	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	0.07	12	54	sh	Sandown	-	-	10	50	c
Exmouth	0.4	-	13	55	c	Saunton Snd	-	-	14	57	du
Falmouth	0.6	-	15	59	c	Scarboro'	0.9	-	12	54	c
Fishguard	-	0.01	15	59	fg	Shanklin	X				
Folkestone	1.4	-	11	52	c	Shrewsbury	0.2	-	14	57	c
Glasgow	0.2	0.08	14	57	r	Skegness	0.8	-	13	55	c
Guernsey	1.2	-	14	57	c	Southend	0.2	-	11	52	c
Hastings	0.3	-	11	52	c	Southport	X				
Hayling I.	-	-	11	52	c	Southsea	-	-	10	50	c
Hemo Bay	-	-	9	48	du	St. Ives	X				
Hove	X	-	11	52	c	Stornoway	0.1	0.06	12	54	d
Hunstanton	-	-	12	54	c	Swanage	-	-	13	54	c
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	0.5	-	13	55	c
Isle of Man	0.7	-	14	57	c	Tenby	X				
Jersey	2.0	-	14	57	b	Tiree	0.3	0.17	13	55	r
Kinloss	3.4	0.01	14	57	s	Torquay	0.4	-	14	57	c
Leeds	2.1	-	15	59	b	Tynemouth	1.8	0.05	14	57	b
Lerwick	-	0.21	11	52	r	Ventnor	-	-	11	52	c
Leuchars	3.2	0.02	15	59	b	West-s-mare	X				
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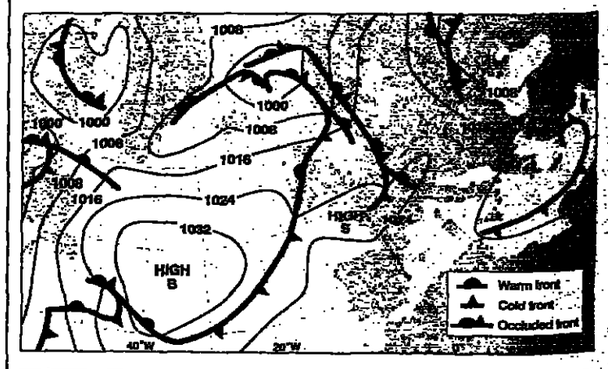
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Cologne	3	37	s	Madrid	17	63	s
Akrotiri	24	75	s	Corfu	7	45	r	Majorca	19	66	f
Alex'dria	30	86	s	C'phagn	10	50	c	Malaga	21	70	f
Algiers	19	66	f	Dublin	14	57	s	Malta	14	57	s
Amst'dm	7	45	f	Dubrovnik	5	41	f	Melb'rne	12	54	r
Athens	14	57	r	Faro	21	70	f	Mexico C	23	73	s
B Aires	34	93	s	Florence	9	48	s	Miami	29	84	f
Bahrain	X			Frankfurt	2	36	f	Milan	9	48	s
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	19	66	c	Montreal	5	41	X
Barbados	28	82	c	Geneva	4	39	s	Moscow	-2	28	c
Barcelona	15	59	s	Gibraltar	21	70	f	Munich	-1	30	f
Beirut	24	75	f	Helsinki	1	34	sl	N Delhi	29	82	s
Belfast	10	50	r	Hong K	25	77	r	N York	11	52	s
Belgrade	0	32	c	Innsbruck	-2	28	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	1	34	r	Istanbul	10	58	f	Naples	9	48	f
Bermuda	19	66	f	Jeddah	32	90	s	Nice	15	59	s
Biarritz	13	55	s	Jo'burg	24	75	s	Oslo	7	45	f
Bord'x	12	54	s	L Angela	19	66	f	Paris	8	43	s
Brussels	5	41	s	L Palmas	24	75	f	Peking	20	68	s
Budapst	4	39	f	La Toquet	8	46	s	Perth	22	72	f
Cairo	30	86	c	Lisbon	19	66	s	Prague	0	32	sn
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Locarno	11	52	s	Reykjavik	10	50	dr
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	4	39	s	Rhodes	16	61	f
Chicago	9	48	s	Luxor	32	90	s	Rio de J	30	86	f
Riyadh	27	81	c								
Rome	12	54	s								
S Fr'sco	14	57	s								
Salzburg	-2	28	f								
Santiago	29	84	s								
Seoul	19	66	s								
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Strasb'rg	2	36	f								
Sydney	21	70	s								
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Tel Aviv	30	86	s								
Tenerife	24	75	f								
Tokyo	19	66	s								
Toronto	6	43	c								
Tunis	13	55	c								
Valencia	19	66	f								
Vanc'ver	5	41	f								
Venice	9	48	f								
Vienna	0	32	c								
Warsaw	X										
Wash'ton	9	48	s								
Wel'ngton	X										
Zurich	2	36	s								

Temperatures at midday local time on Monday X = not available

MOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: high S will slip south and decline; high B will extend north with little change in surface pressure



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
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Aberdeen	1.21	4.26	1.43	4.23	Liverpool	11:33	9.17	11:49	9.27
Avonmouth	7:28	13.22	7.49	13.22	Lowestoft	9.40	2.51	9.56	2.48
Belfast	11:19	3.52	11:38	3.39	Margate	0.22	4.81	0.33	4.74
Cardiff	7.28	12.26	7.47	12.15	Milford Haven	8.23	6.98	8.48	6.93
Devonport	5.02	5.46	6.19	5.37	Newquay	5.16	6.78	5.35	6.70
Dover	11:19	6.68	11.41	6.60	Oban	3.47	4.00	6.08	4.06
Dublin	—	—	0.04	4.11	Penzance	4.55	5.39	5.10	5.33
Falmouth	5.29	5.16	5.44	5.02	Portland	6.54	2.21	7.12	2.08
Glasgow	0.51	4.66	1.05	4.82	Portsmouth	11.40	4.70	11.58	4.61
Harwich	0.00	4.03	0.13	4.03	Shoreham	11.44	6.24	—	—
Holyhead	10.35	5.50	10.49	5.48	Southampton	11.03	4.57	11.19	4.39
Hull	6.29	7.39	6.51	7.33	Swansea	9.24	9.44	9.54	9.41
Ilfracombe	6.12	9.24	6.34	9.14	Tees	3.46	5.32	4.07	5.25
King's Lynn	6.34	6.69	6.53	6.67	Wilton-on-Nze	—	—	0.09	4.19

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.06 am
Sun sets: 4.23 pm
Moon sets 8.03 pm
Moon rises 5.19 pm

London 4.23 pm to 7.07 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.17 am
Edinburgh 4.19 pm to 7.35 am
Manchester 4.24 pm to 7.22 am
Penzance 4.48 pm to 7.25 am

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8 1995

Lang clears Lyonnaise bid for Northumbrian

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

WATER company shares surged on the stock market after Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, permitted a proposed takeover of Northumbrian Water by Lyonnaise des Eaux.

Investors suggested the terms were lax enough to encourage bids for other water companies. The Labour Party said they put shareholders before customers.

Northumbrian itself gained 66p, or 6.5 per cent, to £10.74. Analysts now expect a higher bid to emerge from talks that Northumbrian's board has agreed to hold with Lyonnaise early next week. Several other potential bid candidates rose in sympathy: Yorkshire by 26p, Thames by 20p and Anglian by 12p.

Under the agreement negotiated by Ian Byatt, Director General of Water Services, Lyonnaise's North East Water and Northumbrian combined would have to cut drinking water prices by 15 per cent over six years, relative to price limits set last year. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission said on Mr Byatt's advice, that the merger should not go ahead without savings of "at least 15-20 per cent" by the end of the century.

Sewerage charges, which account for more than half of most household bills, will not be affected. Water price cuts will also come late in the period. They would hardly fall in the first two years and by only around 10 per cent after four. For the first two years, bills in the North East would be less than £1 a year lower than under existing limits.

These cuts are not believed to be significantly more than Northumbrian would have offered its customers on its own. The company cut operating costs by 6.7 per cent last year and is expected tomorrow to unveil further cuts beyond those required by Ofwat. Northumbrian planned to share these cuts between customers and shareholders.

Lyonnaise also agreed to seek a quote for its British water interests within ten years. These include Essex and Suffolk Water. Lyonnaise must also not seek to control any other water companies.

David Cranston, Northumbrian chief executive, expressed surprise that the French water and construction group had negotiated such modest price cuts. He said: "The quality of their negotiating skill is clearly very high".

Margaret Beckett, Shadow Trade Secretary, called the price cuts feeble. She said: "As we have seen in the electricity industry, the Government is content to stand by and watch the piecemeal restructuring of the water industry without paying any attention to the interests of customers or to the interests of the regions involved and in default of their own stated policy".

But Ofwat argued that the agreement was realistic. Mr Byatt said it would ensure that customers benefited from a merger. He does not expect the deal to result in a spate of takeovers like those for regional electricity companies.

Lyonnaise said the price cuts were the biggest yet required for a water merger and were severe.

Sir Frederick Holliday, Northumbrian's chairman, who has emphasised the company's special role in the North East region, said the water group was still confident of its prospects as an independent company. After Mr Lang's ruling, however, Northumbrian is thought more likely to try to achieve the highest possible price for shareholders, than to seek to remain independent.

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CARL RUTHERFORD



David Cranston, chief executive, left, with Sir Frederick Holliday, the chairman, said the price cuts were modest

MPs voice doubts on supervisory role of Bank

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND ROBERT MILLER

CONSIDERABLE doubts have been raised about the effectiveness of the Bank of England in supervising UK banks after the collapse of Barings earlier this year.

A cross-party committee of MPs has called on the Treasury to review the role of the Bank as prudential supervisor of banking institutions and wants sufficient funds provided to enable the Bank to get banking supervision right.

After a 22-month investigation into the regulation of financial services in the UK, the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee report published yesterday made some damning criticisms of the Bank's role in the collapse of Barings. The Board of Banking Supervision's report into the Barings failure, it said, had raised doubts about its effectiveness. The MPs said: "We are dismayed that the Governor can, on the one hand, claim that London is one of the best-regulated and supervised markets in the world and, on the other, have to concede that his supervisory staff actually have little real understanding of what its charges are up to."

A spokesman for the Bank said it did not agree that Eddie George, the Governor, "had conceded that".

But MPs were divided over how far the changes should go. Mike O'Brien, Labour MP for Warwickshire North, was the only MP not to sign up to the report. He believes that statutory regulation is the only way to police the financial services industry. In particular, he said: "The Bank of England has to substantially improve its performance or accept that under a Labour government it is likely that we would look at a new Banking Commission. This would be more effective and independent than the present Bank structure, which appears to be an old boys' network with far too cosy a relationship with those it is supposed to regulate. What we want is a more hands-on but arms-length relationship between the Bank and its charges."

Sir Tom Arnold, the chairman, said the committee was not yet going so far as to call for a separation of the Bank's supervisory and monetary authority roles. He said the committee had called for a House of Commons debate on the circumstances of the Barings collapse, which if agreed would also discuss banking supervision.

The firmest recommendation of the report was that lending should be covered by the Financial Services Act. Sir Tom added that MPs also wanted to see "a single authority ultimately capable of knocking heads together and enforcing co-operation between regulators" and recommended that ministerial responsibilities under the Act be transferred to the Treasury.



Arnold: one authority plea

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3522.4	(+7.6)
Yield	4.02%	
FT-SE A All share	1731.45	(+3.18)
Nikkei	18021.22	(–15.75)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4807.14	(–6.87)*
S&P Composite	586.67	(–1.79)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¾%*	(5 11/16%)
Long Bond	107¾*	(107¾)
Yield	6.30%*	(6.29%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 11/16%	(6 11/16%)
Lffe long gilt future (Dec)	107⅛	(107½)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5780*	(1.5804)
London:		
$	1.5790	(1.5791)
DM	2.2357	(2.2337)
FFr	7.7189	(7.7435)
SFr	1.7989	(1.7994)
Yen	162.46	(163.44)
£ Index	84.2	(84.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4170*	(1.4130)
FFr	4.8880*	(4.8915)
SFr	1.1393*	(1.1375)
Yen	103.15*	(103.35)
$ Index	93.5	(93.3)

Tokyo close Yen 103.05

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan) $16.25 ($16.25)

GOLD

London close $384.45 ($382.25)

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Just the job

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Liquidity

Anglian Water has promised to spend an extra £15 million on environmental and drought measures. Page 31

M&S gives warning on autumn sales despite profits rise

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

MARKS & SPENCER issued a cautionary note on autumn sales, as it unveiled half-year profits up 9 per cent to £385 million yesterday.

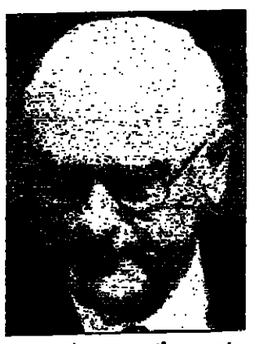
Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, said that clothing sales in August, September and October were down on last year's level, although figures had improved in recent weeks after the arrival of the cold weather.

The half-year figures were boosted by an impressive contribution from M&S's financial services arm, where profits rose 45 per cent to £26 million, and internationally, where turnover increased 20 per cent to £182 million.

Food sales increased 5.9 per cent to £1.15 billion, while total turnover increased 5.7 per cent to £3.2 billion. But M&S's performance in areas of traditional strength, such as knitwear and underwear, was less impressive. Clothing sales rose just 2.7 per cent on the same period last year.

The company faces continuing problems with Brooks Brothers, its American subsidiary, which made a loss of £2.5 million down from a profit of £700,000 last year. Canadian operations also struggled, posting a £3.1 million loss, an increase of £1.2 million on 1994.

The City gave the results a lukewarm reaction, shares rising 4p to close at 411p. Analysts expressed concern that the sales outlook was sluggish and that an increase in income from interest payments to £25 million had put a gloss on the figures. The interim dividend was raised by 7 per cent to 3p.



Greenbury: cautious note

Inchcape job for BA chief

SIR Colin Marshall is to become the non-executive chairman of Inchcape, after announcing last week he was stepping down as executive chairman of British Airways (Marianne Curphey writes).

He joined Inchcape's board yesterday as non-executive director and will take up the part-time chairmanship from January I when the current chairman, Sir David Plastow, retires. The post, which will occupy him for up to two days a week, carries a salary of £200,000 with no options or bonuses attached.

Sir Colin, who will be 62 this month, is initially on a two-year fixed contract but is expected to stay with the company for five years.

Charles Mackay, 55, Inchcape's chief executive and deputy chairman and a non-executive director of BA since 1993, said he would be leaving the BA board when his contract expires next June "to avoid a conflict of interest".

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Confidence is at three-year low, says IoD survey

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS confidence is at a three-year low — with political uncertainty the single largest factor pushing it down — according to evidence today from the Institute of Directors.

The IoD said that the gloomy findings of its latest survey of business opinion suggested that the Government now has less room in the Budget for tax cuts and that, if there were further signs of weakening in the economy, interest rates should be cut.

The IoD's latest bi-monthly business opinion survey confirms a slowdown in the economy, after weak manufacturing figures earlier this week and gloomy results from the Confederation of British Industry's quarterly study.

The balance of those more optimistic against those less optimistic about the UK economy is, for the first time since Britain's exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992, now negative — falling rather than just falling back. Although the proportion of directors more optimistic about the economy in October stayed at its August level of 28 per cent, the proportion less confident grew to 30 per cent, giving a negative balance of -2 per cent.

Political uncertainty is seen as the principal factor diminishing confidence, the IoD says, with 34 per cent of directors surveyed citing it as the main problem, followed by a third mentioning the level of economic growth in the UK.

The fall in confidence comes against a background of weakening output intentions, business volumes and profits. The proportion of directors reporting increased business fell from 68 per cent to 62, while the number recording rising profits fell back by ten percentage points to 52 per cent.

Forty-four per cent of directors say they plan to increase output in the next three months — against 50 per cent in August and 56 per cent in June.

Ruth Lea, IoD policy head, says: "The Chancellor should make bold spending cuts to finance the tax cuts business needs, and if there are further signs of weakening in the economy, he should not hesitate to cut interest rates."

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Port in the soup over split lentil dispute

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

A FAMILY-OWNED London food importer will challenge in the High Court today the Port of Felixstowe's right to restrain £100,000 worth of the importer's cargo of split lentils to offset debts incurred by a failed shipper.

Legal advisers to A Poortman, a company with an annual turnover of £12 million, consider that Felixstowe, part of the corporate empire of Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong billionaire, is being wholly unfair in seeking to exercise lien over a cargo that the importer had paid for and whose freight charges were also paid.

The dispute began in mid-September, when Euronave, a shipping company based in the Belgian port of Antwerp, went into liquidation. One of the company's vessels, the MV Eurotrader, carried Poortman's 500 tonnes of lentils from Turkey to Felixstowe in 24 containers.

The restraint of the cargo by the operator of Britain's biggest container port is a serious financial problem for Poortman, which considers that the firm has a legal and moral right to goods for which it had paid in full.

But Peter Bennett, deputy managing director of Felixstowe, said that his company was simply exercising its legal rights under the terms and conditions of the port, which were familiar to all those who used it.

Under these the port claims the right to offset the value of the goods restrained against debts, running into tens of thousands of pounds, incurred by Euronave. Mr Bennett said that his company had acted carefully on legal advice throughout and that there was were precedents for the right to exercise lien being upheld in court. The port last took such action in 1985 against United States Lines.

Poortman will today ask the Commercial Court to order the delivery of its lentils by Felixstowe and seek damages for wrongful interference.

WH Smith makes JobCentre deal on recruitment

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

WH SMITH, the retail chain, is to draw local shop staff only from JobCentres, under a new agreement with the Government announced yesterday.

Service personnel are to be recruited in a similar way for the Ministry of Defence, while in a third deal, Reed, the employment agency, will announce today that it is halving job-placement fees for the long-term unemployed.

Ministers were pleased with the deal on nationwide recruitment — one of the first of its kind — reached with WH Smith.

Under the agreement, local branch managers will recruit staff from JobCentres run by the Government's Employment Service (ES).

The Ministry of Defence has agreed a similar deal. Previously, recruitment to the Services was often carried out through dedicated local recruitment centres. However, the MoD has now agreed that "first-line recruitment" of about 17,000 people a year will be carried out by the ES as a first sift before potential recruits are then passed on to the ministry.

WH Smith yesterday welcomed the Government's new service guarantee to employers about JobCentre performance. The guarantee, which was drawn up with the Confederation of British Industry, pledges prompt services in ways that Eric Forth, Education and Employment Minister, said would help them to fill their vacancies efficiently, effectively and free of charge.

Launching the new service standards, Mike Fogden, ES chief executive, said that the Government was proud of the job services it offered to employers. John Cridland, the CBI's human resources policy director, said that he hoped the new guarantee would encourage more employers to use JobCentres and help to play their part in tackling long-term unemployment.

Annnoucning its move, Reed said that it would halve the fees paid by client employers to the agency when they permanently recruited people who had been involuntarily registered as unemployed for 26 weeks or more.

☐ John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, speaking at the University of Wales, in Aberystwyth, said last night that unemployment and insecurity at work had arisen as a "direct outcome" of government policy decisions and not as a result of "immutable economic laws" or changes in the world economy.

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Clearer future: Don Greaves, the chief executive of GB Glass, the glass lighting component to tableware group. The company plans to invest £27.4 million at factories in Harworth, Nottinghamshire, and Chesterfield, Derbyshire

BP is being paid for unwanted gas

BY CARL MORTISHED

BRITISH PETROLEUM is rolling up cash payments of $10 million a quarter from British Gas relating to gas that the utility is not taking under agreements with BP.

The oil company is contracted to supply some 580 million cubic feet a day to British Gas under take-or-pay contracts at an average price of 16p a therm. Ofgas, the gas regulator, recently gave warning that the utility was in danger because of the fall in the gas price and its exposure to take-or-pay contracts. BG has indicated that it wants to renegotiate the contracts.

BP yesterday said that it considered the contracts reasonable, but indicated that it would be prepared to discuss the problem. "They are our biggest customer," John Browne, BP chief executive, said. Under accounting rules, BP cannot book profits on payments for gas not delivered.

The oil company has so far not yet received any request for talks and BG is thought to be waiting to see whether winter weather may reduce Britain's gas glut. Mr Browne said that the "swing" in BP's gas production between the hottest day of the summer and the cold weather this week amounted to 500 million cubic feet a day.

BP's third-quarter profits were up 28 per cent, to £532 million, but the company gave warning of a temporary downturn in chemicals and continuing low refining margins. Profits from chemicals slipped from £258 million in the second quarter to £225 million, but BP insisted that underlying demand was strong and blamed a rapid rise in stocks earlier in the year by intermediate chemical manufacturers who feared price inflation.

The third-quarter figures come before a £244 million charge for the sale of the Marcus Hook refinery. Mr Browne said that this was the first step in putting BP refineries in a more competitive position.

The third-quarter dividend is maintained at 4p.

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National Power bid optimism

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

NATIONAL POWER, the UK's largest power generator, yesterday said it was optimistic that its bid for Southern Electric would win regulatory approval. With a judgment from the Office of Fair Trading expected soon after November 20, Keith Henry, NP's chief executive, said: "We can see no reason on the ground of competition that we should be referred."

In spite of the Department of Trade and Industry's recent sanctioning of North West Water's bid for Norweb, against OFT advice, there is still a chance NP's bid will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Labour repeated its call that the whole of the electricity industry should be referred to the MMC.

NP yesterday reported that its market share had declined two percentage points to 30 per cent. Pre-tax profits improved 5 per cent to £254 million. The interim dividend was 24 per cent up at 5.4p.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Britain blocks sale of Irish steel plant

BRITAIN has blocked the sale of the Republic of Ireland's only steel plant, insisting the deal, which involves an injection of about £28 million in state aid, would create unfair competition for UK steelmakers and threaten British jobs. A bid to settle the dispute was abandoned after five hours of talks in Brussels involving Tim Eggar, the Industry Minister, Richard Bruton, his Irish counterpart, and the EU Commission. The sale of Cork-based Irish Steel to Ispat International, the Indian group, requires the approval of all 15 EU governments because of the state aid.

The Commission has already given the go-ahead, but Mr Eggar said after the talks: "We cannot agree anything which imperils British jobs and the economic viability of British companies." Irish Steel, which employs 300 workers in Co Cork, has been ailing for years, kept afloat by a series of Irish Government cash lifelines. Its most direct competitor is the British Steel plant in Shelton, near Stoke-on-Trent. Irish Steel could face liquidation because of EU Commission demands for the repayment of loans of £10 million made to it by the Irish Government in 1993.

Limit's profit rises

THE London Insurance Market Investment Trust (Limit), largest of the 21 corporate investors at Lloyd's, has reported pre-tax profit up to just over £6 million (£4.97 million) in the half year to September 30. The return is purely from UK equities; under Lloyd's rules, underwriting profit is not included in accounts for three years. The shares showed little movement, ending at 102.5p. Earnings per share were 1.70p and the net asset value at September 30 was 105.7p a share. A net interim dividend of 1.1p (1.1p) is due on January 26.

New stores lift WEW

WEW GROUP said that opening new outlets had helped the What Everyone Wants discount stores chain to a 25 per cent advance in pre-tax profits, to £4.06 million, in the 53 weeks to August 5. Turnover rose by 11 per cent, to £122 million. However, like-for-like sales fell by 9.4 per cent after a 16 per cent downturn in the final quarter. The final dividend is maintained at 0.35p, giving an unchanged total of 0.7p for the year, from headline earnings of 1.69p (1.63p) a share. Three stores have opened since the year end, making 82.

Norweb directors to go

NORTH WEST WATER yesterday confirmed that Ken Harvey, chairman and chief executive of Norweb, would leave after the takeover of the regional electricity company by its water utility neighbour. The water company also said that Brian Wilson, Norweb's finance director, was to go. Mr Harvey is thought to be in line for a package worth up to £2 million from benefits of the takeover and compensation for his contract which was on a rolling two-year basis. Mr Wilson is likely to receive a smaller sum of about £450,000.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.04
Austria Sch	16.73	15.23
Belgium Fr	49.95	44.65
Canada $	2.249	2.083
Cyprus Cypf	0.752	0.697
Denmark Kr	9.27	8.47
Finland Mkk	7.29	6.64
France Fr	8.15	7.50
Germany Dm	2.39	2.18
Greece Dr	384.00	359.00
Hong Kong $	12.84	11.84
Ireland Pt	1.08	0.96
Israel Shk	5.1700	4.5200
Italy Lira	2515.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	177.00	161.00
Malta	0.595	0.540
Netherlds Gld	2.656	2.426
New Zealand $	2.55	2.33
Norway Kr	10.46	9.66
Portugal Esc	248.00	227.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.41
Spain Pta	199.50	186.50
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.40
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Turkey Lira	refer	77863.0
USA $	1.576	1.546

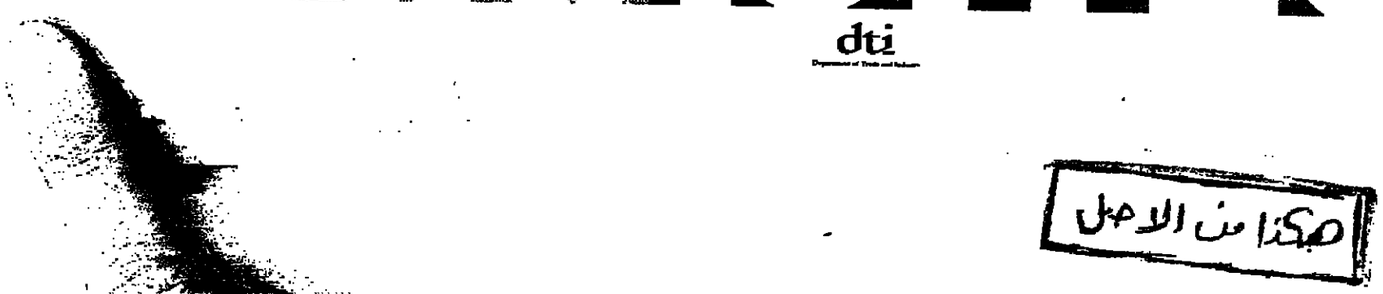
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Century Inns plans further try at listing

CENTURY INNS, the north-east pub operator that abandoned plans to float in February, is to make a fresh attempt to list its shares on the London stock market now that conditions are perceived as "more favourable" (Philip Pangalos writes).

Century, which was formed in November 1991 after a management team bought 185 pubs from Bass, intends to float in mid-December through an offer that is likely to capitalise it at about £55 million. Century hopes to raise about £30 million of new money to greatly reduce debt. N M Rothschild is sponsor to the float; UBS is the broker.

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☐ Carlsberg-Tetley on the counter ☐ Northumbrian poised for a bid ☐ ACT changes do have repercussions

Short measure from beer barons

☐ TRICKY things, percentages, especially in brewing. In ordinary times, when all are keen to boast how much beer they are peddling, a total of the various market shares claimed across the industry can easily reach 130 per cent. But when the beer barons are up against the competition authorities and want to reduce the size of their empires, two and two often barely scrapes to three and a half.

Whoever eventually bids for the misbegotten Carlsberg-Tetley venture, therefore, would rather like to borrow the calculator that Brian Stewart at Scottish & Newcastle used when he put together his business and Courage earlier this year. Then, a combined market share of 33 per cent mysteriously shrank to a smidgeon below the 25 per cent that normally triggers a competition reference.

Carlsberg-Tetley enjoys 17 per cent of the British beer market, according to Allied Domecq, the drinks and pubs group that owns half of it but would really rather be selling Ballantine's scotch these days. There was some squirming yesterday when Allied was quizzed on a leak that it had appointed Goldman Sachs to handle the sale, because the party line is that the business is not up for grabs.

It has certainly been luxuriously buffed up for a sale. Yesterday's preliminaries from Allied contained £90 million of those catch-all exceptionals that are becoming something of a habit from the big drinks groups. They are meant to cover life's little crises like redundancies and the purchase of overseas drinks distribution chains that some might think are part and parcel of normal trading, but there you are, the accountants allow it, so one-offs they are.

In Allied's case, full £60 million of these went on Carlsberg-Tetley, a lot to spend on a business that managed trading profits of only £47 million last year. Only two things stand in the way of the sale. One is the Danish partner Carlsberg, which has the right of veto.

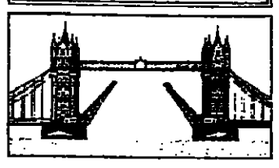
The second problem is that Tetley's figures, ghastly as they are, are propped up by a soft supply agreement, stretching in one form or another to 1999, that guarantees prices and means Allied's own pubs are subsidising the brewer. Any buyer would be pledged to continue with it, the terms of sale reflecting this. The City would prefer Allied to unwind the deal, take a lower price for Tetley, and safeguard future profits from pubs.

Those most in need of Scottish arithmetical alchemy are Bass, percentage of the market with Tetley well into uncharted territory in the low 40s, and Whitbread, rising to 30 per cent. Whitbread must be counted the favourite, not least because it would face fewer competition problems. Peter Jarvis, the chief executive, has been enjoying a high profile of late, which generally means something is planned. A deal early next year would restore some of the corporate pride lost when Courage slipped through its hands.

Ian Byatt's French leave

☐ The French have driven *une voiture à deux chevaux* straight into the water industry, with more than a little help from the regulator. In July, a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report suggested, as dowry for the hand of Northumbrian, a reduction in the area's water prices of 15 to 20 per cent over a four-year period.

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This was based on provisional figures offered up by Ian Byatt, the water regulator, and the best bets were that this was what the French would be required to achieve. The same man then went away to renegotiate terms for the proposed merger based on a cut of just 15 per cent, the bottom end of the target range, and gave Lyonnaise des Eaux an extra two years to achieve them, to boot. Furthermore, those cuts are heavily back-end loaded, in that the reduction in early years is insignificant.

The main results of more than three months of horse trading are that Lyonnaise des Eaux should make a formal bid within days and has rather more financial firepower for one than had been thought, and that Mr Byatt has provided a template for other bids from French water companies that have outposts within the territory of any of the other nine big quoted water companies in England and Wales.

First the haggling. On the earlier terms, the market had been looking for an agreed price of £11.25p and a hostile offer starting at perhaps £10.50. Those sums are clearly out of date, and analysts, not always the most reliable of forecasters being driven by self-interest, are dreaming of an eventual take-out at £12. Whether this will prove too rich for the French, who must achieve cost savings building up to a total of £20 million a year, remains to be seen.

Now the other bids. Compagnie Générale des Eaux has small colonies in the Thames Water area, while Bouygues is camped out on Southern Water land. Not affected but inclined to take vague encouragement is Hanson, which could do a North West Water/Norweb in reverse on Anglian through its ownership of Eastern Group. The free-for-all in water will not be as frenetic as in electricity, mainly because of rather tighter price regulation, but it will be enriching for some all the same.

No such thing as a painless cut

☐ THE latest Budget rumour has it that the Chancellor is contemplating raising a useful £1 billion or more by slicing five percentage points off the rate of Advanced Corporation Tax (ACT). Although the move would almost fund a one-point cut in the basic tax rate, it would not be the victimless revenue raiser of Kenneth Clarke's daydreams.

The losers would include ten million members of pension schemes, as lower ACT means lower investment returns for pension funds. There would also be an impact on the stock market, as funds moved out of equities into gilts to protect their income. According to Legal & General, the fall in the index would be at least 6 per cent.

Employers would be under pressure to contribute more to schemes to cover the lower returns. Investors who are higher rate taxpayers would pay extra tax on their dividends.

When a company declares a dividend, it pays ACT to the Treasury. Non-taxpayers, like pension funds, charities and 15 million or so ordinary people, are entitled to reclaim this tax. Under the present rules, if a company pays a gross dividend of £100, £20 of this goes to the Inland Revenue. The pension fund then recovers this tax credit. But if ACT falls to 15 per cent, the tax back shrinks to £15.

Some say that ACT's hideous complexity would hide the potential impact of a decrease, a view supported by the muted and delayed reaction to the last five-point cut in 1993. A more spirited defence from the pension fund industry can be expected if he tries it again.

Board game

☐ ONE OF those elegant daisy chains that connect non-executives up and down British industry has unravelled. Sir Colin Marshall is going from British Airways to Inchcape, and the latter's chief executive is leaving the BA board. Charles Mackay denies any conflict of interest, but shareholders could suspect mutual back-scratching which may cause a problem at either company's annual meeting.

Results lift BSkyB shares

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BSKYB yesterday regained some of the share value lost when the Church of England and Methodist Church offloaded their interests in the satellite broadcaster in protest over its launch of the Playboy channel.

The price bounced 16p to 386p after third-quarter trading showed that revenue had jumped 37 per cent to £214 million, fuelled by rises in subscription sales and advertising growth.

Operating costs also advanced sharply with the broadcaster spending more on the coverage of large sporting events, such as the Ryder Cup and world title boxing matches. BSkyB, which is currently in negotiations with the Football Association over its future tie-ups with the Premiership, saw operating costs increase 37 per cent to £148 million for the three months to September 30.

Profit before tax showed a rise of 108 per cent to £51 million over the period. The company continued to be upbeat about prospects, saying that satellite dish sales for October had run ahead of last year's figure and that customers taking all of the 28 channels now available were increasing.

Chairman admits months of uncertainty kept new clients away

Growth hope for MAM

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY Asset Management yesterday said that six months of uncertainty surrounding the ownership of SG Warburg, its former parent, had kept new clients away, but existing clients and staff had been supportive.

SG Warburg was finally bought by Swiss Bank Corporation in the summer and MAM was given its independence. The fund manager reported an 11.5 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £63.6 million for the first half year to September 30.

The figures were affected by a £35 million credit from Warburg as part of a scheme of arrangement, balanced by the £35 million exceptional costs of the scheme and provisions for expenses related to the transition to full independence.

Hugh Stevenson, MAM's chairman, said that he was, in the circumstances, "quite pleased with the figures".

Funds under management increased to £70.9 billion, from £63.5 billion, at March 31. The increase was mostly due to higher market values. The figure includes net new business of £800 million.

Turnover dipped from £129 million to £128.5 million because of a weak retail market and lower revenue from transaction charges. Mr Stevenson said. Operating costs, without exceptionals, were down from £82.2 million to £81.9 million.



Hugh Stevenson is keeping quiet on whether suitors have contacted MAM, and says that it is "open-minded"

Mr Stevenson said that future growth would continue to come from the UK institutional market and added that pension fund assets overseas had increased.

The chairman refused to say whether MAM had received approaches from potential bidders, but described it as "open-minded about things which will create greater value for our shareholders". He said: "The ideal thing for me will be to maintain the earnings growth we have achieved since the company was floated."

There was potential for significant business on the Continent and in Japan, he said. MAM is to buy, for £11.5 million, the remaining 50 per cent of Porter Warburg Asset Management, in Australia. The firm has £1.4 billion under management.

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Brewing problems hurt Allied Domecq

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

PROBLEMS at Carlsberg-Tetley, the brewer, hit profits at Allied Domecq, the drinks and retail company. They fell 20 per cent to £494 million (See Pennington, this page).

Allied, which owns 50 per cent of Carlsberg-Tetley, announced a £90 million exceptional charge to cover the costs of its restructuring programme ,which include the closure of Carlsberg-Tetley's factory at Warrington, Cheshire, with the loss of 500 jobs.

The company wrote off a further £50 million from its substantial disposal programme and saw profits from its Mexican operations fall 20 per cent to £48 million over the fall in value of the peso. Underlying profits, excluding the exceptionals, were in line with City expectations, showing no improvement on last year at £635 million.

The continuing problems at Carlsberg-Tetley increased speculation that Allied will attempt to sell the brewer, although the company refused to make any comment.

Profits at Carlsberg-Tetley fell a further 37 per cent last year, to £47 million, on sales of £1 billion, as the company struggled to adapt to the low-margin take-home market and incurred a £3 million cost to recall beer cans with faulty "widgets".

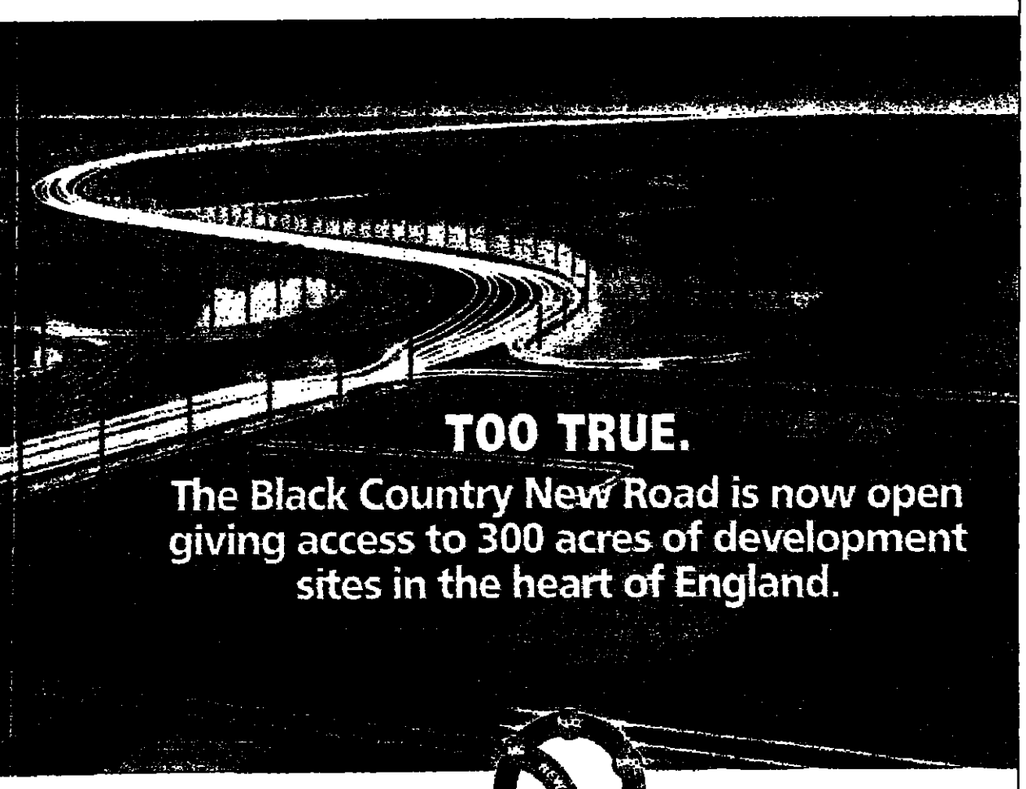
But Michael Jackaman, chairman, remained bullish about Allied's prospects. He said: "We have cleared the decks. We have reshaped the business. We are making good progress in the key areas of our business."

The share price closed the day unchanged at 493p. Investors expressed relief that the dividend was unchanged at 11.8p.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Northumbrian decision puts focus on water firms



Guinness was a casualty, with the shares falling 20p to 489p

THE Government's decision to give provisional clearance to Lyonnaise des Eaux's bid for Northumbrian Water focused attention back on the remainder of the water companies.

While the City fully expects other water utilities to find themselves on the receiving end of similar bids before long, the speculators are not expecting the rush by predators that was experienced by the regional electricity companies.

Even so, shares in the water utilities were all marked sharply higher. Dealers said that this had more to do with the fact that the entire sector had been left behind in recent months by events among the regional electricity companies. Short-covering also succeeded in making the rises appear bigger than turnover levels justified.

There were gains for **Anglian**, 13p to 578p, **North West**, 19p to 581p, **Severn Trent**, 24p to 648p, **Southern**, 14p to 680p, **Thames**, 20p to 536p, **Welsh**, 11p to 754p, **Wessex**, 12p to 330p and **Yorkshire**, 26p to 626p.

Naturally enough, the best gain on the day was reserved for **Northumbrian**, up 66p at £10.74 on turnover of 1.5 million shares in a market where traders will normally make a price in 10,000 shares at a time.

The conditions imposed by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, were described as severe by Lyonnaise. But as brokers pointed out, the order to reduce prices by 15 per cent over the next six years was on a sliding scale and unlikely to prove too onerous for the French.

Sources close to Northumbria say that the company will refuse to accept any offer of less than £11 a share, while brokers claim Lyonnaise could afford to go as high as £12.50. At these levels, the group is valued at £868 million. Both sides plan to meet for talks.

The rest of the equity market spent another nervous session trading in narrow limits for much of the day. Some positive trading news from blue-chip companies enbabled prices to recover from a hesitant start. But investors remain reluctant to chase the market higher. The Budget is now just a few weeks and later this morning the Bank of England publishes its *Inflation Report*. In the event, the FT-SE 100 saw an early lead of almost 14 points whittled away to finish 7.6 higher at 3,522.4. Last night, all eyes were fixed on Wall Street for a clue as to how trading will open in London this morning.

Much of the early running was taken up by **Glaxo Wellcome**, up 16p at 887p, after briefly touching 900p. This accounted for about three points of the rise in the index and followed approval by a panel of the US Food and Drug Administration for Epivir, an HIV treatment.

But **Calor Gas** was a dull market, tumbling 20p to 237p after issuing a profits warning. **Marks & Spencer** advanced 4½p to 411½p on the back of interim figures much in line with City expectations. Pre-tax profits during the first six months rose from £354 million to £385 million against a dull retailing backdrop. But brokers were disappointed with the small rise in clothing sales, which was blamed on the hot summer.

Third-quarter figures from **BP** came in at the top end of expectations, but failed to benefit the share price, which ended all square at 469p. Net profits in the period grew from £415 million to £532 million in spite of a weaker oil price and evidence of a slowdown in the strong growth in chemicals.

A sparkling first-quarter performance lifted **BSkyB**, the satellite broadcaster, 16p to 386p. Pre-tax profits of £50 million were at the top end of expectations, boosted by a 17 per cent rise in advertising revenue. Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, says that the shares are overvalued and is sticking with its forecast of £250 million for the year. The shares were floated last year at 265p.

Increased competition has begun taking its toll on **National Power**. Pre-tax profits in the first six months grew from £241 million to £254 million, but this figure was struck after charges of £30 million. The group, which is in the process of buying Southern Electric for £2.8 billion, finished 1p firmer at 187p.

The cost of restructuring wiped £90 million from the profits of **Allied Domecq** last year. Pre-tax profits dropped from £628 million to £494 million. Sales of wines and spirits rose above £500 million for the first time, but margins were reduced. The shares marked time at 493p.

Guinness was a casualty, falling 20p to 489p. The City likes to hear good news these days and there was talk yesterday that a presentation given by the company on Monday night had failed to impress.

Falling revenues and presssure on margins left **Mercury Asset Management** nursing a fall of 31p at 888p. **Amersham International** tumbled 71p to 849p after disappointing interim figures. Brokers have now trimmed their forecast's for the full year by £3 million to £48 million.

Powerscreen International was unmoved at 381p after hoisting pre-tax profits at the half-year stage from £14 million to £17 million. The interim dividend was raised 14 per cent to 2.5p.

Sir Colin Marshall has been appointed non-executive chairman of **Inchcape**. The shares fell 7p to 295p.

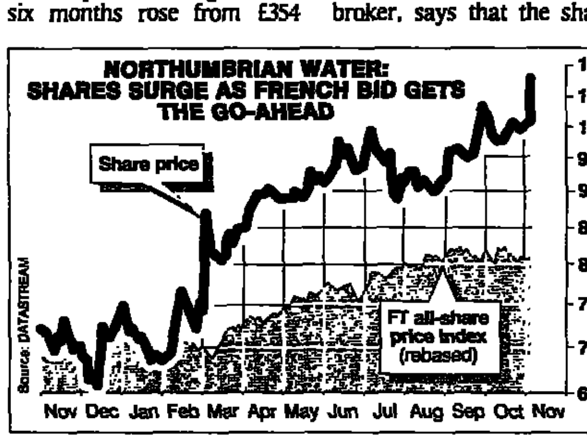
□ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices drifted on lack of support after investors withdrew to the sidelines awaiting the *Inflation Report*. Only index-linked issues made headway, with gains of about £⅛.

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt added £⅛ at £107⅜ in thin trading that saw just 39,000 contracts completed.

Among conventional issues, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 finished ¼ easier at £99 13/32, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £3/32 off at £102 15/16.

□ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares were down at midday as portfolio managers unloaded high-tech issues. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.87 points to 4,807.14.

Keep an eye on British Gas. The shares touched 222p before rallying to finish all-square on the day at 228p as almost 15 million changed hands. Word is BP is willing to renegotiate those supply contracts that have been depressing the British Gas share price and attracted the concern of the industry regulator.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4807.14 (-6.87)
S&P Composite	586.67 (-1.79)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18021.22 (-15.75)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9732.41 (-3.69)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	452.17 (-1.15)
Sydney:	
AO	2109.8 (+3.0)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2174.97 (+9.18)
Singapore:	
Straits	2089.60 (-6.21)
Brussels:	
General	7795.71 (-11.00)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1857.35 (+34.71)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	696.90 (+1.30)
London:	
FT 30	2576.6 (+3.8)
FT 100	3522.4 (+7.6)
FT-SE Mid 250	3893.9 (+6.2)
FT-SE-A 350	1753.3 (+3.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1414.02 (+10.77)
FT A All-Share	1731.45 (+3.18)
FT Non Financials	1830.69 (+0.61)
FT Fixed Interest	112.58 (+0.17)
FT Govt Secs	94.06 (+0.01)
Bargains	28685
SEAQ Volume	796.3m
USM (Datastrm)	184.51 (+0.03)
US$	1.5782 (-0.0016)
German Mark	2.2355 (+0.0017)
Exchange Index	84.2 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1903
£:SDR	1.0574
RPI	150.6 Sep (3.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.2 Sep (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Asian Sml	92	...
Abtrust Asian Wts	32½	...
Alpha Omikron	17	...
Arion Props	9	...
Chartwell Intl	50	...
Cons Coal (50)	66	...
Creos Int	104	...
Entrprse Inns (145)	149½	...
Fleming Jpn C	101½	+ ½
German Slr Wts	17	...
Guinness Flight	92	- 2
Guinness Flight U	195	...
Guinness Flight W	11	...
Hay & Robertson	36	- 1
Heritage Baths (125)	153	+ 2
Indpt Radio	114	...
Intl Greetings	523	...
MultiMedia (45)	60	- 1
Murray Vct	103	...
Northern Venture	101	...
Perpt UK Sml C (100)	102	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

First Choice n/p (60)	4	- ½
Quality SP n/p (535)	122	- 6
Rhino Group n/p (8)	4	...
Stordata Sols n/p (12)	7	+ 1½
Sprscpe VR n/p (330)	67	+ 21
Wellington U n/p (100)	2	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Neotronics	52p (+9p)
Forward Group	608p (+40p)
Celsis	137p (+9p)
British Bio-Tech	950p (+57p)
CRH	445p (+18p)
BPB Ind	299p (+9p)
Bluebird Toys	386p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Calor Group	237p (-20p)
Amersham	849p (-71p)
Meyer Int	328p (-14p)
Guinness	489p (-20p)
Rainford	398p (-13p)
Filtronic Com	493p (-12p)
RMC Group	982p (-16p)

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TEMPUS

Marking time

PERSPIRING Wall Street brokers are being lured back to Brooks Brothers with the promise of wrinkle-free suits and cotton shirts that do not require ironing. The new fabrics come courtesy of Marks & Spencer, the parent of Brooks Brothers, but arrived too late to prevent the US menswear retailer from delivering a £2.5 million loss for the half year.

Brooks is really a sideshow, albeit an expensive one, in the long march of M&S. However, yesterday's sales figures suggest that M&S is beginning to show a few wrinkles in its own performance. The company's growth in the core areas of clothing and footwear is noticeably slowing down, in spite of well-publicised efforts to reposition its products to attract younger and more fashion-conscious customers.

In response, M&S will point to the rotten retailing environment and the hot weather in the second quarter which delayed sales of winter clothes. These have recently picked up, we are told. M&S points to a two-year sales performance showing 12 per cent growth, reinforcing the notion that the summer of '95 was exceptionally poor.

Shareholders will agree that it was poor: profits in the first half were up 8 per cent but only a meagre 1 per cent of the growth came from retailing with the balance made up of financial services and the latter's advance will slow in the second half. The truth is that M&S is only maintaining its market share at a time when other fashion retailers, such as Next are advancing. If M&S is beginning to plateau on the high street, its shares are looking very expensive on a multiple of 17 times and should be sold.

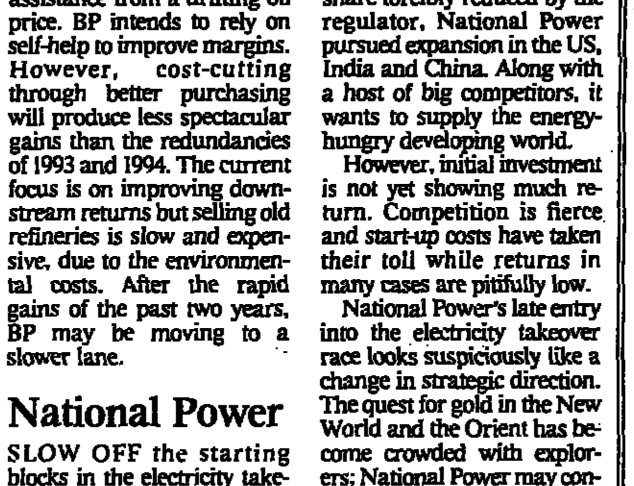
MAM

MERCURY Asset Management has been flying too close to the sun. After gaining altitude steadily for the past year, investors yesterday decided to take shelter from the heat, causing a 3.26 per cent decline in the value of the company. MAM shares have been looking expensive for some time, inflated by the expectation of a bid but after the fall, they are at more sensible levels.

There are still plenty of potential suitors for MAM at the right price, assuming they could retain its fund managers. Market forecasts of pre-tax profits of £140 million for the full year to March 1997 put the shares on a multiple of 16.5 times, a 19 per cent premium to the market but in line with other fund managers and well below Gartmore's rating of 25 times earnings. MAM's new business figures were disappointing but understandable, given the recent confusion over its ownership this year, and MAM has suffered along with other fund managers from the state of the retail market.

However, costs have been maintained at last year's level and are likely to remain at these levels for the next couple of years.

More funds under management in the first half will boost revenues in the second but sooner or later MAM needs a deal to take it further: an acquisition or joint venture to improve its access to US, Continental or Japanese markets. A takeover still cannot be ruled out.



BP

BP's REASSURING noises about the chemical cycle yesterday could have been scripted by Shell or ICI. The major chemical producers are adament in refuting any suggestion that the slippage in volumes and margins is more than just temporary destocking.

BP has every reason to want to believe its forecast of renewed demand as the oil company' recent surge in profitability is mainly attributable to the restoration of profits in chemicals, a business that produced huge losses in the recession. It generated virtually all the growth in BP's operating profit last year and in the first nine months of the current year chemicals also led the march with an advance of almost £600 million in operating profits compared with growth of about £250 million for exploration and a sharp decline in refining profits.

Even if BP and its peers are correct in assuming that the chemicals destocking is a blip, the oil company will struggle to maintain profits growth longer term, without assistance from a drifting oil price. BP intends to rely on self-help to improve margins. However, cost-cutting through better purchasing will produce less spectacular gains than the redundancies of 1993 and 1994. The current focus is on improving downstream returns but selling old refineries is slow and expensive, due to the environmental costs. After the rapid gains of the past two years, BP may be moving to a slower lane.

National Power

SLOW OFF the starting blocks in the electricity takeover race, the largest UK generator dithered before chasing after Southern Electric.

Apart from regulatory fears — still to be resolved as the two generators await an OFT ruling over vertically integrated power companies — National Power always appeared to suffer from wanderlust. With its UK market share forcibly reduced by the regulator, National Power pursued expansion in the US, India and China. Along with a host of big competitors, it wants to supply the energy-hungry developing world.

However, initial investment is not yet showing much return. Competition is fierce and start-up costs have taken their toll while returns in many cases are pitifully low.

National Power's late entry into the electricity takeover race looks suspiciously like a change in strategic direction. The quest for gold in the New World and the Orient has become crowded with explorers; National Power may continue to look for opportunities abroad but has decided to cultivate the garden back home with a £2.8 billion for Southern Electric.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	931-930	Mar	1054-1053
Mar	968-967	May	1064-1061
May	987-986	Jul	unq
Jul	1005-1003	Sep	...
Sep	1023-1022		
Dec	1040-1036		Volume: 11437

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2505-2504	Jul	2160-2155
Jan	2329-2327	Sep	2110-2085
Mar	2269-2267	Nov	2090-2050
May	2205-2199		Volume: 2219

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	323.4-22.0
Spot: 399.0		Oct	293.8-92.5
Dec	375.8-75.0	Dec	286.9-86.2
Mar	340.3-39.5	Mar	285.4-84.1
May	331.0-30.7		Volume: 3485

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	101.02	109.66	127.64
(+/-)	+2.86	+3.53	+0.48
Eng/Wales:	101.16	109.82	127.55
(+/-)	+3.00	+3.32	+0.35
(%)	+1.0	+10.0	+10.0
Scotland:	96.14	109.00	128.82
(+/-)	-1.99	+4.56	+2.16
(%)	+88.0	+13.0	-5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.70	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.50	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.25	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.75	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.50	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 185 (-1)	O: 187 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	158 (+1)	159 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	156 (-1)	157 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	156 (-1)	157 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	84 (+1)	85 (n/c)
Naphtha	153 (-2)	155 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	155.25-55.50	Feb	151.75-52.00
Dec	153.50-53.75	Mar	150.75-51.00
Jan	153.00-53.25		Vol: 14398

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.47-16.48	Mar	15.95-15.98
Jan	16.25-16.26	Apr	15.87-15.90
Feb	16.09-16.10		Vol: 23180

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	125.30	Nov	116.40
Jan	127.90	Jan	119.70
Mar	129.75	Mar	121.90
May	131.75	May	123.90
Jul	133.65	Sep	109.50
Volume: 1263		Volume: 323	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	270.0
Apr	290.0	289.8
May	325.0	325.5
		Volume: 46

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Dec 104.75-105.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 95	1650	1610	1626
Dec 95	1640	1610	1640
Jan 96	1640	1610	1640
Apr 96	1625	1600	1623
Vol: 440 lots		Open interest: 3685	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	3014.0-3015.0	2819.0-2821.0	1652700
Lead ($/tonne)	675.00-676.00	675.00-676.00	150625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1037.5-1038.0	1060.0-1061.0	830350
Tin ($/tonne)	6330.0-6335.0	6365.0-6370.0	21845
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1672.5-1673.0	1706.5-1707.0	1872925
Nickel ($/tonne)	8710.0-8720.0	8835.0-8840.0	71214

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom	460	37½	44	47	7½	10½	18
(*492½)	500	12½	22	26	26½	30	37½
Argyll	300	15	23½	27	11	15	20½
(*304½)	330	5	11	14½	31	33½	38½
ASDA	90	10	11½	14½	2½	3	4½
(*96½)	100	4½	6½	9	6½	8	9
Boots	500	50	61	67½	2½	6½	12½
(*546½)	550	17	29	37	19½	25	32½
Br Airways	460	29½	39	46	10½	15½	22
(*475)	500	8½	19½	26	33½	37	42½
BP	460	19½	28	34	10	16½	20½
(*469)	500	4½	11	16½	36½	40½	43½
Br Steel	140	20	23½	26	1	2½	5
(*159½)	160	6	11	14	7½	9½	13½
C & W	420	20½	35	42	13½	20½	26½
(*426)	460	5½	17½	24½	39	44	49
CU	600	32½	43	49½	16½	31½	36
(*606½)	650	12	20½	28	46½	62½	66
ICI	750	50	61	70½	8½	22½	26½
(*781½)	800	21	32	44	30	47½	51½
Kingfishr	460	30½	41½	46½	9½	21	26
(*479)	500	11	21	27	30	42	47½
Land Sec	550	36	47	53	5½	9½	18
(*581)	600	8½	19	24	30	33	43½
M & S	390	26½	36½	40	4	8½	13½
(*410)	420	10	19½	23½	17½	21	27½
Nat West	600	61	69	78½	5½	17½	25
(*647)	650	28	37½	50½	23	40	48
Sainsbury	360	37½	42	46	2½	5	9½
(*389½)	390	14	23½	28	12½	16	21½
Shell	700	42½	54	58	4	13	17½
(*729)	750	13	23½	29½	24½	38	41½
Smkl Bch	650	25	40	51	20	28½	32½
(*652)	700	7	19½	29	53½	59	61½
Storehse	280	14½	21½	28½	7½	12	15
(*287)	300	5½	12	18½	19	21½	25½
Trafalgar	20	5	6½	7½	2½	3	4
(*23)	25	2½	4½	6	5½	6	7
Unilever	1200	32½	52½	64	27	42	47
(*1201½)	1250	12½	29	40½	58½	71	75½
Zeneca	1300	58½	84½	105	40	63½	74
(*1204)	1250	35½	60½	81½	67	91½	101

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	420	12	27	33	3½	19½	22½
(*428)	460	0½	11	16	32	45½	46½
Ladbroke	140	13	17½	19½	0	2	4½
(*152½)	160	0½	6	9	7½	11	14
Utd Bisc	260	5	17	23	5	12½	16½
(*260½)	280	0½	9	14½	20	24	29½

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	460	43	54½	60½	3½	6½	11½
(*498½)	500	16	29	35½	16½	21	26½
Thames W	500	45	58½	65	5½	11	20
(*532½)	550	18½	30½	37	27½	32	43½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	500	32½	48½	55½	0½	10	18
(*531½)	550	2	21	28	20	32	43
BTR	330	4½	17	21	2	9	15½
(*333)	360	0	5½	9	27	28	34
Br Aero	700	19½	50½	63½	5	22	35½
(*714)	750	1	27	40½	36½	48½	62
Br Telcm	360	6½	15½	22½	2½	13	15½
(*363)	390	0	5	11	27	35	35½
Cadbury	500	29½	49	53	1	12½	19
(*527½)	550	2½	23	27½	24	34	44
Guinness	460	29½	43	48	0	5½	11½
(*489)	500	2	17	24½	12	20	29
GEC	300	14	22	29	1	6½	8
(*313)	330	0½	7½	14	17½	22½	24
Hanson	191	3½	9	—	2	10	—
(*192½)	211	0	2½	—	18½	24	—
LASMO	140	10½	16½	19½	0½	4	6
(*150)	160	0½	6½	9½	10½	13½	16
Lucas	200	4½	15	19	3½	9	11½
(*202)	220	0	6½	10	18	20½	23
Pilkingtn	180	8½	15½	21½	1	6	7
(*187)	200	0½	6	11½	13	16½	17½
Prudential	390	12	28½	33½	2½	14	20½
(*399)	420	0½	15	19	21½	28½	37
Redland	330	5	21	27	5	11½	19½
(*330½)	360	0	9	14	29½	30½	38½
R-Royce	140	17½	22	24	0½	2	3½
(*157½)	160	1½	9	11½	3½	9	12
Tesco	260	19½	28	31½	0	3½	7½
(*279)	280	4	15½	18½	4	10½	16
Vodafone	360	8½	19½	27	2	10½	14½
(*266)	280	1	11	17½	14½	22	25
Williams	300	21	29	33½	1	3	7½
(*320½)	330	1½	12½	15½	9½	15	21½

FT-SE INDEX (*3519)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Nov	126½	82	43½	19	5½	1
Dec	156½	118½	84½	56½	34½	20½
Jan	178	141	111½	84	62½	44½
Feb	199½	165	135	106½	84	62½
Jun	251½	—	188½	—	137½	—
Puts						
Nov	5	11	24	52	95	148
Dec	24½	38	56½	80	110½	149
Jan	40	54	74½	98	127½	162
Feb	51½	67	87½	110	139	170½
Jun	99½	—	136	—	184	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	500	50	62	65	3	13	16½
(*543½)	550	15½	30	35½	17	35½	39
Amstrad	280	14	24	32	8	14½	18½
(*284)	300	6½	15	22½	19½	25½	29
Barclays	750	34½	54	63½	12	30½	37
(*767½)	800	10½	28½	39½	38½	57½	64
Blue Circ	300	14½	25½	28½	6½	13	20
(*305)	330	3½	12	15	26	30	37½
Br Gas	220	10½	17	20	6½	9	13½
(*222½)	240	2½	8	10½	19	19½	26
Dixons	390	16½	29	37	10	19	23
(*393½)	420	5	16	23½	29	36	39½
Forte	240	17	24	27	2	6½	10
(*253)	260	5½	12½	16	10½	15	19½
Tarmac	80	5	9	10	3	5	7½
(*81)	90	1½	5	6	9½	11½	13½
Hillsdwn	160	5½	11	12½	4½	8½	12
(*160)	180	0½	4	5	20	21	26
Lonrho	140	20½	23	25	0½	2½	3½
(*159)	160	6	9½	13½	5½	10	11
Sears	100	6½	9½	11	1½	3½	5
(*104)	110	1½	4½	6	7	8½	10½
Thm Emi	1450	55	92½	130	31	48	52½
(*1468½)	1500	32	67½	103	58	74	76
Tomkins	240	12	18	24	4½	9½	12
(*245½)	260	3	9	14½	16	20½	22½
TSB	360	38½	40	44½	2	10½	11½
(*393½)	390	17	15½	23½	10	22½	23½

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Glaxo Well	850	59½	75½	99	14	29	34½
(*887)	900	29	46	62	33	52	57½
HSBC	900	65	89	100½	18	41	50½
(*936½)	950	36½	61	74	38½	65½	74½
Reuter	550	43	56½	67½	11½	19½	25
(*576½)	600	17	29½	42	35½	43	49½

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Royal Ins	360	35½	45½	52	5	16	22
(*386)	390	17½	29	36½	17	30½	36½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Fisons	260	7½	4½	5½	0½	1	4
(*264)	280	0½	0½	0½	18	18½	20

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastern Gp	950	25	38½	27½	0½	7½	1½
(*974)	1000	0½	0½	0	26	31½	32½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Natl Pwr	460	22½	34	44½	7½	12½	19½
(*478)	500	5	15	24	29	33	40
Scot Pwr	330	28½	33½	40	2½	7	8½
(*354½)	360	9½	15	22½	12	20	21

November 7, 1995 Tot: 11901 Call: 6785 Put: 5206 FT-SE Call: 1343 Put: 2713

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3535.0	3543.0	3514.0	3530.0	7044
Previous open interest: 68638	Mar 96	3557.5	3557.5	3557.5	3556.5	15
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3910.0	0
Previous open interest: 3537	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.38	93.38	93.35	93.36	10558
Previous open interest: 340470	Mar 96	93.58	93.60	93.54	93.56	22233
	Jun 96	93.57	93.59	93.54	93.56	6654
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.25	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.57	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	95.98	96.00	95.97	95.99	15008
Previous open interest: 818482	Mar 96	96.18	96.19	96.15	96.17	20015
Long Gilt	Dec 95	107-18	107-23	107-09	107-12	39741
Previous open interest: 110864	Mar 96	107-00	107-00	106-23	106-24	458
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	121.45	121.50	121.26	121.38	3342
	Mar 96	120.18	120.18	120.00	120.09	1353
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	96.91	97.07	96.82	96.86	123782
Previous open interest: 206386	Mar 96	96.41	96.45	96.28	96.26	1617
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.36	94.45	94.27	94.41	1125
Previous open interest: 20962	Mar 96	94.53	94.56	94.47	94.54	847
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.90	97.91	97.87	97.90	7092
Previous open interest: 52022	Mar 96	98.08	98.09	98.05	98.08	2405
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	102.93	103.05	102.51	102.84	39332
Previous open interest: 44721	Mar 96	102.55	102.55	102.40	102.43	360

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¹⁹⁄₃₂ : 3 mth 6¹⁹⁄₃₂ . Sell: 2 mth 6½ : 3 mth: 6½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₈	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₈-6⁹⁄₁₆	6½-6⅜	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¾-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁹⁄₃₂
Interbank:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¾-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6¾, close 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6¾	6¾	6¾
Sterling CDs:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¾-6⁵⁄₈	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	6½-6⅜
Dollar CDs:	5.76	n/a	5.78	5.71	5.60
Building Society CDs:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¾	6¾-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅛-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4⅛-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4¼-3¼
French Franc:	6⅛-6	6⅞-6⅝	6¾-6½	6⅝-6⅜	7-5
Swiss Franc:	2⅜-2¼	2⁵⁄₁₆-2³⁄₁₆	2⅜-2¼	2¼-2	2⅛-1½
Yen:	½-⅜	⁷⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆	½-⅜	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.30-382.60 Close: $384.20-384.70 High: $385.70-386.20
Low: $382.10-382.60 AM: $382.30 PM: $384.80

Krugerrand: $385.00-387.00 (£243.50-245.50)

Platinum: $408.25 (£258.70) Silver: $5.35 (£3.385) Palladium: $133.25 (£84.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 7	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4963-2.5067	2.5038-2.5067	⅛-¼pr	1⅛-1¼pr
Brussels	45.800-46.029	45.942-46.029	12-9pr	32-27pr
Copenhagen	8.6330-8.6720	8.6592-8.6683	1-½pr	2½-1½pr
Dublin	0.9750-0.9789	0.9758-0.9775	10-7pr	26-21pr
Frankfurt	2.2284-2.2367	2.2347-2.2367	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Lisbon	234.20-235.30	235.01-235.27	31-58ds	114-149ds
Madrid	192.15-192.79	192.60-192.78	43-52ds	138-155ds
Milan	2513.7-2520.1	2513.7-2517.3	8-9ds	24-26ds
Montreal	2.1347-2.1444	2.1417-2.1444	0.17-0.08pr	0.27-0.16pr
New York	1.5777-1.5798	1.5777-1.5785	0.13-0.11pr	0.32-0.29pr
Oslo	9.8490-9.8770	9.8567-9.8696	1½-1pr	4-3½pr
Paris	7.7020-7.7390	7.7157-7.7220	1-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Stockholm	10.524-10.588	10.524-10.542	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Tokyo	162.34-163.14	162.34-162.58	1-⅛pr	2⅛-2⅛pr
Vienna	15.677-15.737	15.721-15.737	1-⅛pr	1-⅛pr
Zurich	1.7957-1.8011	1.7976-1.8001	⅛-⅛pr	2-1⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3301-1.3319
Austria	9.95-9.96
Belgium (Com)	29.08-29.09
Canada	1.3558-1.3568
Denmark	5.4850-5.4880
France	4.8880-4.8930
Germany	1.4150-1.4155
Hong Kong	7.7325-7.7335
Ireland	1.6165-1.6185
Italy	1594.88-1595.38
Japan	103.10-103.30
Malaysia	2.5412-2.5422
Netherlands	1.5850-1.5860
Norway	6.2465-6.2495
Portugal	148.79-148.89
Singapore	1.4137-1.4142
Spain	122.13-122.18
Sweden	6.6713-6.6788
Switzerland	1.1386-1.1396

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5788-1.5814
Australia dollar	2.1006-2.1033
Bahrain dinar	0.5885-0.6005
Brazil real*	1.5170-1.5212
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7050-0.7150
Finland markka	6.6450-6.7610
Greece drachma	365.00-372.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.2065-12.2158
India rupee	54.00-54.96
Indonesia rupiah	3554.00-3622.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4685-0.4785
Malaysia ringgit	4.0113-4.0154
New Zealand dollar	2.4143-2.4196
Pakistan rupee	54.02 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6800-5.8040
Singapore dollar	2.2315-2.2337
S Africa rand (com)	5.6850-5.7870
U A E dirham	5.7300-5.8540

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	309	Legal & Gn	563
ASDA Gp	4,600	Lloyds Bk	8,000
Abbey Ntl	17,000	London Elec	290
Allied Dom	4,700	Marks Spr	14,000
Argyll Gp	1,500	Mid Elec	4
Arjo Wggns	1,100	NatWst Bk	8,300
AB Foods	368	Nat Power	2,200
BAA	7,600	NW Water	4,000
BAT Inds	2,300	P & O	1,800
BOC	1,400	Pearson	305
BP	6,300	PowerGen	1,300
BSkyB	3,300	Prudential	3,300
BTR	5,100	REXAM	519
BT	7,900	RMC	1,800
Bk of Scot	448	RTZ	1,900
Barclays	6,900	Rank Org	1,600
Bass	721	Reckitt Col	4,000
Blue Circle	3,400	Redland	2,000
Boots	1,100	Reed Intl	4,800
BAe	1,600	Rentokil	333
BA	2,400	Reuters	1,300
Brit Gas	13,000	Rolls Royce	988
Brit Steel	6,800	Royal Ins	518
Burmah Cstl	789	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000
Cable Wire	2,500	Sainsbury	2,100
Cadbury	2,600	Schroders	150
Carlton Cms	2,400	Scot & New	376
Cm Union	1,200	Scot Power	3,000
Cookson	510	Sears	674
Courtaulds	480	Svrn Trent	1,700
De La Rue	329	Shell Trans	8,100
Enterpr Oil	427	Siebe	1,100
Forte	3,500	SmKl Bch	2,100
GKN	866	Smith Nph	845
GRE	1,100	Sthern Elec	161
GUS	331	Std Chard	2,700
Gen Acc	717	Sun Allnce	1,900
Gen Elec	17,000	TI Gp	824
Glaxo Well	6,600	TSB	7,800
Granada	3,400	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Grand Met	9,600	Tesco	3,100
Guinness	6,700	Thames W	831
HSBC	512	Thrn EMI	251
Hanson	36,000	Tomkins	3,400
ICI	1,600	Unilever	1,000
Inchcape	4,700	Vodafone	5,100
Kingfisher	3,900	Whitbread	2,400
LASMO	1,200	Wlms Hld	742
Ladbroke	1,200	Wolseley	1,600
Land Secs	656	Zeneca	865

WALL STREET

	Nov 7 midday	Nov 6 close
AMP Inc	38½	38¾
AMR Corp	71½	72
AT & T	63¼	63½
Abbott Labs	39¾	39½
Advanced Micro	21½	22½
Aetna Life	74½	75½
Ahmanson (HF)	25½	25½
Air Prod & Chem	54¾	54½
AirTouch Comm	31½	31½
Alberto-Culver B	31½	31¾
Albertson's	32½	32½
Alcan Aluminum	32½	32½
Alco Standard	40½	40½
Allied Signal	42¾	42¼
Alum Co of Am	52	52
Amax Gold Inc	6	5½
Amerada Hess	47½	47
Amer Brands	41	41
Amer El Power	38	38½
Amer Express	40½	41½
Amer Genl Corp	32½	32½
Amer Home Pr	88½	87½
Amer Intl	85½	86½
Amer Stores	29½	29½
Ameritech	52½	52½
Amoco	67½	65½
Anheuser-Busch	64½	63½
Apple Computer	39	38½
Archer Daniels	16½	16½
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	60½	61
Asarco	32½	32½
Ashland Oil	31	30½
Atl Richfield	107½	109½
Auto Data Pro	71½	71½
Avery Dennison	46½	46½
Avon Products	71½	71½
Baker Hughes	19½	19½
Baltim Gas & El	26½	26½
Banc One	35	35½
BankAmerica	58½	58½
Bank of NY	42½	42½
Bankers Tr NY	65½	65½
Barnett Banks	56½	55½
Bausch & Lomb	36½	36½
Baxter Intl	37½	37½
Bectn Dcknsn	65½	65½
Bell Atlantic	63½	63½
Bell Industries	22½	22½
BellSouth	76½	76½
Black & Decker	35½	35½
Block (H&R)	43½	44½
Boeing	69½	69½
Boise Cascade	37½	37½
Bristol Myrs Sq	76½	76½
Browning Ferris	29½	29½
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	82½	82½
CBS	81	81½
CNA Financial	122½	123
CPC Intl	66½	66½
CSX	85	85½
Campbell Soup	51½	51½
Can Pacific	16½	16½
Cptl Cities ABC	119½	119½
Carolina Pwr	32½	33½
Caterpillar	57½	57
Central & SW	25½	26½
Champion Intl	49½	50½
Chase Manhat	58	58½
Chemical Bk	57½	58½
Chevron Corp	48½	48½
Chrysler	50½	50½
Chubb Corp	93½	92½
Cigna Corp	104½	105½
Citicorp	67½	67½
Clorox	73½	73
Coastal Corp	31½	32½
Coca Cola	70½	70½
Colgate-Palmolive	69½	69½
Columbia Gas	39½	39½
Compaq Comp	52½	54½
Comp Ass Int	53	53½
Conagra	38½	38½
Conrail	67½	68½
Cons Edison	29½	30½
Cons Nat Gas	40½	40½
Cooper Inds	33½	33½
Corestates	39½	35½
Corning Inc	27½	26½
Crown Cork	35½	34½
Dana Corp	27	27
Dayton Hudson	73½	73½
Deere	92½	92½
Delta Air Lines	69½	70½
Deluxe Corp	26½	26½
Detroit Edison	33½	33½
Digital Equip	56½	57½
Dillard Dept St	29½	29½
Disney (Walt)	58½	58
Dominion Res	39½	39½
Donelley (RR)	36½	36½
Dover Corp	38½	39½
Dow Chemical	67½	66½
Dow Jones	36	35½
Dresser	22	22
Duke Power	44½	44½
Dun & Brdstreet	62½	62
Du Pont	61½	62½
Eastman Kodak	64½	65

	Nov 7 midday	Nov 6 close
Eaton Corp	51½	51½
Emerson Elec	73½	73
Engelhard Corp	25½	25½
Enron Corp	35½	35½
Entergy	28½	28½
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	74½	75½
FMC Corp	73½	72½
FPL Group	41½	41½
Federal Express	84½	85½
Fed Nat Mtge	107½	108½
First Chicago	67½	68½
First Interstate	127	126½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	38½	38½
Fluor Corp	55½	55½
Ford Motor	28	28½
GTE Corp	41½	41½
Gannett	55½	56
Gap Inc Del	42½	43½
Gen Dynamics	56½	56½
Gen Electric	63½	62½
Gen Mills	55½	56
Gen Motors	45½	44½
Gen Reinsurance	151½	151
Gen Signal	31½	31½
Genuine Parts	39½	39½
Georgia Pac	82½	82
Gillette	49½	49½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	27½	28½
Goodrich (BF)	68½	68½
Goodyear Tire	38½	38½
Grace (WR)	56½	55½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20½	20½
Great Wstn Fin	23½	24
Halliburton	41½	41
Harcourt General	40	40½
Heinz (HJ)	46½	46½
Hercules	53½	53½
Hershey Foods	59½	59½
Hewlett Packard	89½	91½
Hilton Hotels	67½	67½
Home Depot	40½	40½
Homestake Mng	16½	16½
Honeywell	42	41½
Household Intl	58½	58½
Houston Inds	46½	46½
Humana	22½	23½
ITT Corp	123½	124½
Illinois Tool	58½	59½
Illinova	28½	28½
INCO	34½	34½
Ingersoll Rand	36½	36½
Inland Steel	23½	23½
Intel Corp	65½	70½
IBM	99½	100½
Intl Flav & Fr	48½	48½
Intl Paper	35½	36
James River Va	32½	32½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	80½	80½
Kellogg	73	73
Kerr-McGee	54½	54½
Kimberly-Clark	74½	74½
Kmart	8½	9
Knight-Ridder	59½	58½
Lilly (Eli)	95½	95½
Limited Inc	18½	18½
Lincoln Nat	45½	45½
Litton	41½	41½
Liz Claiborne	29½	29½
Lockheed Martin	67½	67½
Louisiana Pac	24½	24½
MCI Comm	25½	25½
Marriott Int	37½	37½
Marsh & McLnn	84½	84½
Masco Corp	28½	28½
May Dept St	42½	41½
Maytag Corp	19½	19½
McDonalds	41½	41½
McDonnell D	85½	86½
McGraw Hill	83½	84
Mead Corp	59½	58½
Medtronic	58½	58½
Mellon Bk	52	52½
Melville Corp	31½	31½
Merck Inc	57½	56½
Merrill Lynch	57½	58½
Microsoft	95½	97½
Minnesota Mine	58½	59½
Mobil Corp	102½	102½
Monsanto	106½	105½
Morgan (JP)	77½	78½
Motorola Inc	65½	66½
Natl Semi	23½	24½
Natl Service Ind	30	30
Navistar Int	11½	10½
NBD Bancorp	37½	37½
NY Times A	29½	29½
Newmont Mng	38½	38½
Niag Mohawk	10	10½
Nike B	60	60
NL Industries	13	13
Noram Energy	7½	7½
Nordstrom	39½	40½
Norfolk Sthrn	75½	76
Nthn State Pwr	47½	47½
Norwest Corp	31½	32
Nynex Corp	48½	48½
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	22½	23

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Oracle	44½	45½
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11½
Owens Corning	42½	43
PPG Industries	43½	43½
PNC Bank	27½	27½
PP&L Res	22½	23
Paccar Inc	41½	41½
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25½	25½
Pac Gas & Elect	29½	29½
Pac Telesis	30½	30½
Pall Corp	24½	24
Panhandle East	25½	25½
Peco Energy	29½	29½
Penney (JC)	45½	44½
Pennzoil	37½	37½
Pepsico	52½	52½
Pfizer	59½	58½
Phelps Dodge	63½	64
Philip Morris	87½	87½
Phillips Pet	32½	32½
Pitney Bowes	44½	45½
Polaroid	42	42½
PriceCostco	16½	16½
Procter & Gmbl	81½	82
Providian	39	38½
Pub Serv E & G	29½	29½
Quaker Oats	33½	33½
Ralston Purina	60½	60½
Raychem Corp	47	47½
Raytheon	42½	42½
Reebok Intl	33½	34
Reynolds Metals	52½	52½
Roadway Srvcs	51	50½
Rockwell Intl	46½	45½
Rohm & Haas	58½	57½
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Rubbermaid	28½	28½
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Safeco Corp	66½	66½
St Paul's Cos	52½	52½
Salomon Inc	36½	35½
Sara Lee Corp	29½	29½
Seecorp	16½	16½
Schering Plough	54½	54½
Schlumberger	61½	61½
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Seagram	36½	36½
Sears Roebuck	38½	38½
Shell Trans	70½	70½
Sherwin Wilms	37½	37½
Skyline Corp	17½	17½
Snap-On-Tools	43½	43½
Southern Co	23½	23½
Sprint Corp	38½	38½
Stanley Works	48½	48½
Sun Company	28½	28½
Sun Microsys	81½	83
Sunstrust	65½	66
Supervalu	30½	31
Sysco Corp	30	30
TRW Inc	69½	68½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	11½	12
Tandy Corp	48½	48½
Teledyne	24½	24½
Temple Inland	46½	45½
Tenneco	44½	44½
Texaco	67½	67½
Texas Inst	61½	63½
Texas Utilities	37½	37½
Textron	69½	69½
Time Warner	38½	38½
Times-Mirror A	28½	28½
Timken	39½	39½
Torchmark	41½	41½
Toys R Us	24½	24½
Transamerica	69½	69½
Travelers	55½	54½
Tribune	63½	63½
Tyco Labs	62½	61½
UST Inc	30½	30½
UAL	185½	189½
US Inds	15½	15½
USX Marathon	18½	18½
Unicom	32½	32½
Unilever NV	127½	130
Union Camp	49½	48½
Union Carbide	37½	37½
Union Pacific	65½	66
Unisys Corp	6½	6½
USAIR Group	15½	15½
USF&G Corp	16½	16½
US Life	28½	28½
United Tech	88½	88½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
VF Corp	48½	48½
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	23½
Warner-Lambert	87½	87½
Wells Fargo	210	210½
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	45½	44½
Whirlpool	52½	52½
Whitman	21½	21½
Winn Dixie	65½	65½
Woolworth	14½	14½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	48½	48½
Xerox	129½	132½
Yellow Corp	12½	12½

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Cut out the paper chains

IF KENNETH CLARKE starts to introduce some whacky ideas on how to save money, don't necessarily blame him. The schemes may have come from submissions made to the third annual Adam Smith Institute "Economy in Government" competition, sponsored by Ernst & Young. William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will reveal the winner from the eight finalists at the Hilton, Park Lane, today.

Suggestions include scrapping the present system of VAT accounting between registered businesses to save £130 million to the taxpayer and £200 million to industry and a plea to cut out the needless duplication of paperwork between employers and the Department of Social Security.

Desired ends

IN CASE you hadn't realised, there is a difference between international financial fraud and organised crime connected with the Mafia or Mob. John Moscow, of the New York County district attorney's office, who is in London attending a three-day symposium on fraud, has the answer. "With the Mob, the cost benefit analysis of any business proposal has to include the possibility of murder in the calculation to achieve the desired business ends."



"He's either French or he thinks we've been taken over"

Dressed to steal

THE STATE of New Jersey has been hit by a spate of successful bank "heists" by a pair of shotgun wielding professionals disguised as Amishes, the religious Pennsylvania farmers who abhor physical violence and modern technology. Dressed in tall black hats, collarless shirts and false beards, they have stolen about $250,000 in eight robberies (the average bank robber gets away with $2,000). Their disguise does not appear to extend to using a pony and trap for the getaway.

Winterflood trust

BRIAN WINTERFLOOD, the affable head of Winterflood Securities, will be raising his glass at a reception at the City of London club tomorrow with justified pride. Remedi, the trust of which he is vice-president, is 21 years old, and Prince Michael of Kent will be there to present a cheque towards research at Liverpool University into Parkinson's disease.

Long's flight

MIKE LONG, stockbroker at Hambros Equities, whose snappy suits, bewhiskered face, diamond tie pin, fobwatch and chain make him one of the City's snappiest of dressers, has finally enjoyed a sixtieth birthday present to which countless City colleagues contributed — a hot air balloon ride. At the weekend that he and wife Sue took the flight, the basket came down in the grounds of one irate country gentleman, whom Long placated with a bottle of champagne. Savile Row will be shocked to hear that Long wore tracksuit trousers and an anorak for his treat.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Watchdogs led towards peace in the financial services pack

Robert Miller on moves to renew the faith of a disgruntled investing public













Collette Bowe, chief executive of the PIA, and, clockwise from top, Mick Newmarch, Andrew Large, George Staple, Eddie George and Mike Blackburn, leading protagonists in the changing financial services industry

City watchdogs may bark louder than they used to but are still not loud enough for MPs. Nor is the public inspired by the very system put in place to provide them with better protection against rogues. In publishing its sixth report on financial services regulation in the UK, the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee yesterday achieved a broad political consensus on what it sees as the way forward. Committee members have made clear that they wish to see many of their recommendations acted on expeditiously. Tighter controls on the derivatives market and proper risk management at one end of the scale and the possibility of individual regulatory contracts between every adviser, whether independent or tied to a large life office, at the other end are among the recommendations.

To emphasise their serious mood, MPs will summon regulators in general, and, in particular, Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, and Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City regulator, for regular progress reports.

Members of parliamentary committees, and especially those who chair them, must always have an eye to the wider political stage. For a Conservative-dominated committee to demand wide-sweeping changes to any piece of legislation, let alone one as complex as the Financial Services Act (FSA) 1986, adds to the Government's problems. In addition, the Parliamentary timetable is so packed that new primary legislation is not a realistic starter, for the time being at least.

Conceived in haste during the 1980s, the FSA was put in place at a time when stock markets were booming, the only way for house prices to go was up, and the trillion-dollar derivatives and foreign exchange markets were in their infancy. The FSA has proved to be incomprehensible, its true meanings so vague that various legal challenges have cost well over £1 million. And who foots the bill? The investing public.

As the Commons committee points out, the total cost of regulation comes out at £75.9 million in the current financial year, compared with £61.9 million in 1990-91.

Any new system as complex and diverse as financial services regulation was bound to have teething problems. These have proved to be a series of scandals, such as the collapse of BCCI, the long-running saga of the Knight Williams Group, the spectacular £860 million crash of Barings, Lloyd's of London losses, the misselling of unsuitable home income plans to elderly investors, many of whom have died without receiving due compensation, and, perhaps the most damaging, the £4 billion personal pensions scandal. Even those not affected directly are aware of them and the financial services industry has fallen into disrepute. The saddest consequence is that millions of people have put off making investment decisions, particularly in relation to their retirement, that could have a serious affect on their later lives.

Many of the earlier failures could be laid at the door of the old-style regulators such as Fimbra, for independent advisers, and Lautro, for the life and unit trust companies. Lautro grasped the nettle early on and achieved a formidable reputation through its fining of some of the leading life companies in the business: Norwich Union, twice (£50,000 and £300,000), Legal & General (£180,000) and Commercial Union (£105,000), to name but a few. Fimbra was always going to have a harder job policing independent financial advisers because of the disparity of its beat.

As discontent about the cost and complexity of regulation grew in the early 1990s, so the changes began to take place, piecemeal at first, then rather more wholesale. Fimbra and Lautro were swept away and replaced by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) last year. But the PIA got off to a shaky start; the same committee that reported yesterday had last year expressed grave doubts as to whether it would ever be an effective watchdog. It was stalled by the personal and vehement opposition of just one man, Mick Newmarch, then chief executive of the Prudential. He passionately espoused a US-style statutory regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission.

He failed to carry anyone with him, although for a while in the summer last year it looked as if the Halifax Building Society, headed by Mike Blackburn, might throw in its lot with the Prudential, which is now regulated in rather splendid isolation by the SIB. One of yesterday's recommendations is that the SIB stop regulating firms directly.

The fact that there is a strong feeling within the Labour Party that statutory regulation might be the only way forward in the end should not be seen as a sign that Mr Newmarch and the Opposition were at one on this point. It is more a case of arriving at the same conclusion by totally different routes and for completely different reasons.

On the wholesale markets, this has left the Intermediaries and Managers Regulatory Organisation (Imro) regulating fund managers and the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) looking after brokers and futures dealers. Of these two and the SIB, the committee said that they must improve their relationship, and that in-fighting among regulators and "the jostling for position in any potential new structure is not helping to enhance the public perception of the regulatory system" nor adding to investor protection.

As part of its overall view of the FSA, the select committee referred, in passing, to the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), headed by George Staple. It noted "substantial public concern" at the SFO's performance, adding: "This relates not only to the effectiveness in convicting fraudsters but also to the appropriateness of the convictions that it is able to secure." This is believed to refer to the Levitt case.

So often in the past, reform and better investor protection have been delayed because of self-interest and political in-fighting within the industry. The select committee has shown that there can be a way forward without wholesale changes in legislation, provided that those concerned cooperate. If they do not heed that clear warning, they could find that the resultant statutory regime makes the FSA look positively benign.

Forget the Budget, watch base rates

Cheaper loans in 1996 are likelier than a tax giveaway now, says **Janet Bush**

It may seem like heresy, but it is not completely irrational to suggest that the Budget is likely to be an economic irrelevance. The potential significance of whatever package the Chancellor produces on November 28 is overwhelmingly political and, even then, may not have long-lasting positive consequences for the Government.

Reports are being bandied about that Mr Clarke has been triumphant in securing genuine spending cuts and that he will be able to cut taxes by more than the £2 billion to £3 billion that the City consensus would have. Further speculation has it that he could announce tax cuts of £8 billion over three years, offering a fiscal carrot to a sceptical electorate well beyond the Government's election deadline of spring 1997.

These rumours were seen by some as proof that this will be a more generous Budget than many thought would be possible. Others — Michael Saunders, of Salomon Brothers, included — believe that the notion of spreading tax cuts over the years is proof that there is little room for manoeuvre this time.

> Kenneth Clarke will not want to risk his reputation as a surprisingly prudent Chancellor

The bottom line is that significant tax cuts that are not backed by similar cuts in public spending are unlikely; Mr Clarke will not want, while pleasing Conservative backbenchers, to risk his reputation in the markets as a surprisingly prudent Chancellor. The Government's fiscal position, already very tough, is likely to remain tight — for all the hype.

With the economy palpably slowing and inflationary pressures easing, the more relevant economic question is when the Government will cut interest rates. Market guesswork is that a rate cut is coming, probably early next year. This would have the advantage of pre-empting the annual round of mortgage fixing. It is also conceivable that the Government could move earlier, cutting rates at the December 13 monetary meeting, contingent, of course, on a positive appraisal of the Budget by the financial markets.

Will the Bank of England wear it? The Bank's *Inflation Report*, published today, will be scrutinised carefully for any hints of the Bank's attitude to the Budget, as well as its judgment of inflationary trends.

Eddie George has made clear on a number of occasions — notably in evidence to the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee — that imprudent tax cutting could earn his public disapproval and carry a price in terms of higher rates. However, it is unlikely that the Bank will go beyond its statutory brief and offer overt warnings about fiscal policy.

The message on interest rates will be of far more interest. In August, the Bank was still giving warning that the Government would probably miss its inflation target if rates were not raised. By the September 7 monetary meeting, the Bank had — albeit half-heartedly — backed off from its campaign for tighter money.

The betting now is that the Bank's forecast for inflation will be slightly more positive on the matter after economic data that have confirmed the slowdown in growth and an easing in price pressures. Survey evidence — including the Confederation of British Industry and purchasing managers' surveys — point to lower prices. Input price inflation has eased back, and output prices will soon follow.

There is one unfortunate side-effect for inflation in the National Grid rebate, which will artificially depress inflation early next year but inflate it again in spring 1997, just before the election. This may be politically uncomfortable for the Government, if its lasts its full term, but it should not affect Bank of England advice, which, as the Bank continually emphasises, is based on where inflation is likely to be two years out.

So, a Budget that is superficially attractive but broadly prudent is not likely to upset Mr George. And it is conceivable that even the Bank may today admit that the Government will hit its inflation target. The wind is set fair for lower base rates in the spring.

Tom Benyon champions small investors

Why the parties need to woo Sid



The Sid campaign persuaded millions to buy shares

In the mid-Eighties, voters were persuaded by advertising campaigns to invest their savings, traditionally held in building society and bank accounts, into equities. The Thatcher Government thought that widely spreading wealth creation was not only good for the country, it would also attract long-term Tory voters as well. But now the worm has turned. A growing number of investors think that they have been ignored by the Government in favour of the institutions — the Tory's natural allies — and they are selling up. They believe that when the moneymen have made their fat fees and the politicians their headlines, they have been either patronised or plain ignored.

As party managers seek formulas to convince voters that they are worth electing, they might focus on moves designed to encourage the disenchanted investor.

What has gone wrong? For a start, the investor has been denied rights comparable to those given to institutions. The Government also appears to listen too much to the Stock Exchange, and forums, such as Crest and the Weinberg committee, comprised mainly of institutional representatives.

Institutions are encouraged to be passive investors under the current proxy systems, the net effect of which, as seen at the British Gas annual meeting last May, has remarkable similarities to the trade union block vote that the Tories campaigned vigorously against.

As small shareholders gaze at the priorities of many company managers, they are angered at the sight. The bosses appear to be busier plotting how to trouser inflated salaries, rolling contracts, option schemes, bonuses and, now we learn, grossly funded pensions, than looking to their duties.

Most institutions show no real interest, even by attending AGM's. They are, of course, briefed privately at meetings where Sid is excluded. In spite of their privileges, the institutions do not use their muscle; as they supplant the private investor, institutional involvement and influence over directors appears to be passive and acquiescent.

AGMs have turned into meaningless charades with the use of faceless proxies. Nowadays, AGMs only benefit the spin-doctors who earn a handsome living ... from company money; the prime role of public relations officers is to ensure that the meetings are so organised that the directors, their paymasters, remain unaccountable to the people whose money it really is.

Any political party seeking to encourage small investor interests and support by initiating overdue reforms will win, and deserve to, valuable political backing.

The advantages of encouraging the smaller investor are not just political. Smaller shareholders tend to be more active, longer term, and more loyal to companies.

So what should political parties do to win small shareholder support?

Help should come in two ways. First, in tax changes. The tax-credit system should continue except for private, non-institutional holdings, where the dividend should be paid in full. The first £2,000 of dividend and investment income should be tax-free. Transfer tax on share purchases for private investor purchases should be eliminated. The tax allowance of £6,000 for capital gains tax should be doubled.

Investment clubs should be encouraged by granting tax-free privileges on all capital gains and dividend earnings where the club's funds total up to £100,000 and there are more than 12 subscriber members. All expenses — such as subscriptions to The Guild, newspapers and reasonable office costs should be tax deductible.

Then encouragement should be given to company private investors to unite in a representative body, limited by guarantee, non-profit making and non-taxable. Such a group should be entitled to access rights to company data, identical to those held by institutional shareholders. Next, when 20 per cent of voters join such a body they should have the right to appoint one non-executive director to the company board. These groups should be able to circulate shareholders annually at the company's expense. Then why not disenfranchise non-attending shareholders from voting at AGMs?

The Stock Exchange should be encouraged not to accept effective discrimination against private investors implied by the intended debarment of them from future new issue flotations and placements. And executive options should entail purchases in the market rather than issuing new shares out of authorised unissued capital so that shareholders can gain some indirect benefit from such arrangements.

Sid would vote for the party that supported such changes.

The author is chairman of The Guild of Shareholders and was Conservative MP for Abingdon 1979-83

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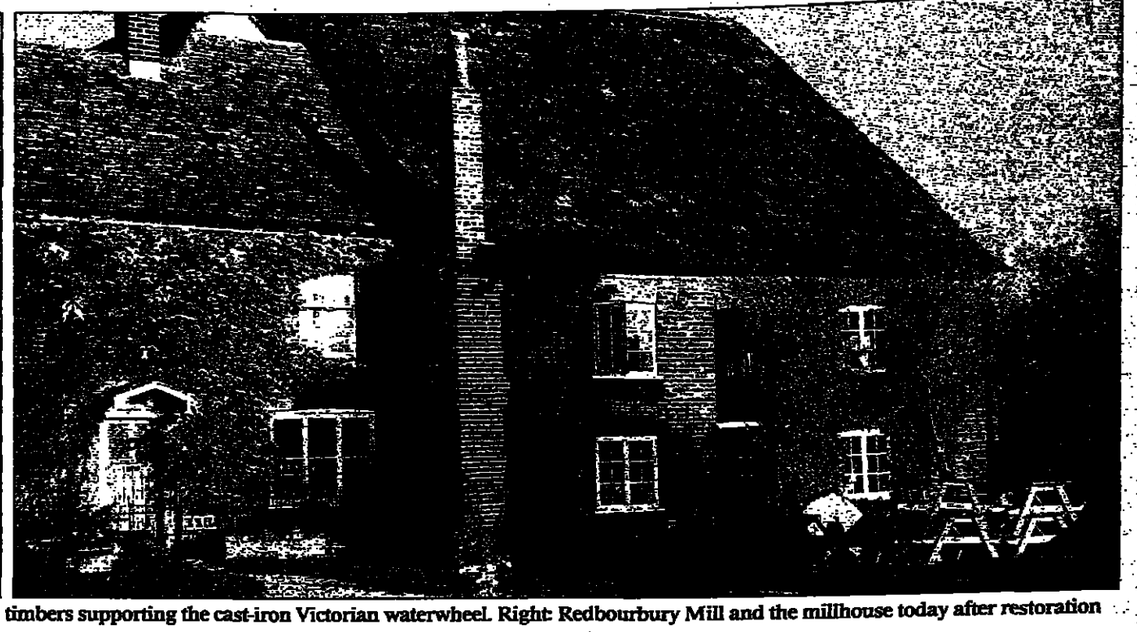
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Buying an old mill may seem like a dream. For one family it became a nightmare and then a labour of love. **Ronald Gribble** reports

The Miller's Tale

RONALD GRIBBLE





Julian James takes a tea break from doing a repair on the brickwork and timbers supporting the cast-iron Victorian waterwheel. Right: Redbourbury Mill and the millhouse today after restoration

"WE STOOD outside in our pyjamas and watched the mill go up in flames. When the roof fell in we lost everything because our furniture and possessions were stored on the ground floor."

Julian James describes the scene vividly as he remembers how he and his wife, Mandy, and their teenage children, Justin and Tessa, watched helplessly in the darkness, silhouetted in the glow of the fire, as their dreams went up in smoke. It was 3 o'clock on the morning of Sunday, August 23, 1987.

Only three days earlier they had exchanged contracts on the 16th-century watermill and handed over more than £150,000 to the Crown Commissioners for the property.

"The fire chief told his men to forget the mill and to save the millhouse," says Mr James, 52, a personnel director of a construction company. "But we pleaded with him to save the Victorian mill mechanism, which was almost unique." Firemen pumped water from the river and one crew spent the night spraying the equipment.

The light of morning showed that the four walls of the mill remained and that a rear section of the house had been destroyed. Falling brickwork had smashed on to the waterwheel and buckled some of the wrought-iron buckets. Two pairs of millstones had cracked in the heat, and an ancient metal handpump in the house, used to draw water from an underground spring, had melted. But a search among the charred timbers revealed that the firemen had saved the Hurst frame which supported the gears and grinding mechanism.

All the Jameses had left of their personal belongings was in a caravan on site in which they were living while they restored the run-down house, and prepared to open the mill as a working museum and study centre for schools.

The firemen suspected an electrical fault and repair costs were estimated at £200,000, but Mr James believes vandals may have started the fire. They had broken into the mill during the sale negotiations and taken original miller's tools from a locked cupboard. "Fortunately," Mr James says, "some of the most valuable tools were on loan to St Albans Museum at the time and these were saved from the thieves and the fire.

"We had not moved into the millhouse straight away because it had dry rot, wet rot, rising damp, a leaking roof and a flooded cellar. But when the hosepipe supplying water to our caravan froze that November a neighbouring farmer kindly let us rent his old farmhouse for the winter."

Today, after eight years of painstaking restoration by local craftsmen and volunteers, and a grant from English Heritage, Redbourbury Mill, near St Albans in Hertfordshire, has risen from the ashes and been reclassified as a Grade II* listed building.

While her husband and son turned their hand to everything from labouring to bricklaying, Mandy — helped by daughter Tessa, 20, when home from university — made cakes and served teas on the days when the mill was opened for fundraising events.

Working from photographs and drawings, the team pieced together the mill just as it had been, reclaiming many of the fire-damaged materials. Nine tons of English oak were used. David Nicholls, a local builder and one of the last millwrights in the country, then rebuilt all the machinery in the mill, using some parts rescued from other derelict mills.

Now the Jameses have high hopes of grinding corn commercially at the mill by this Christmas or the beginning of the new year.

It is another historic landmark for a mill that was recorded on the site in the Domesday Book of 1086 and destroyed by a fire 200 years later. Parts of the present mill date from the 16th century, although the wooden wheel and mechanism was replaced with iron machinery in 1790. Henry VIII seized the mill in 1539, and it was leased to William Hickman of St Albans for £100 down and fivepence a year in 1651.

By 1841 the mill was held by Edward Hawkins, whose family continued to work the mill for the next 144 years. His granddaughter, Ivy Hawkins, became the "only lady miller in England" after her brother was killed on the Western Front in 1917. In 1985, aged 89, she left the mill for a local nursing home and lived to the age of 94.

"Ivy was a remarkable woman," says Justin James, 23, who, having graduated in marine engineering at Newcastle University, is to run the milling side of the business. "Although she stopped milling in the 1950s, she kept the machinery in working order by using the waterwheel to drive a powersaw to cut her firewood until the 1970s.

"We have canvassed about 60 local bakeries and many are interested in selling our stoneground flour and using it to make bread."

The new life of the mill coincides with the rebirth of its driving force — the River Ver, which three years ago dried up after the over-extraction of water for industrial use. After pressure from the Ver Valley Society and the National Rivers Authority, Three Valleys Water agreed to spend £2.5 million on a scheme to pipe water from a reservoir in Cambridgeshire.

Since its completion, the flows of the river have returned. The NRA is now dredging the river bed to attract the return of plant, fish and bird life. Julian James says: "We need an extra two or three feet of water to turn the wheel. The banks upstream are full of holes caused by animals burrowing and need repairing, but once the silt from the dredging is dumped onto the banks, this will seal the leaks and help to raise the water level. Soon, we should see the mill working for the first time in 35 years."

● *A crafts fair will be held at the mill, on the A5 between St Albans and Redbourn, on Dec 3, 10.30 to 5. Fee, £1.20*

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August 1987: a fire engine searchlight picks out the mill as smoke billows from the the roof. Right, miller Ivy Hawkins, 62, pictured at work in August 1959, just before she retired

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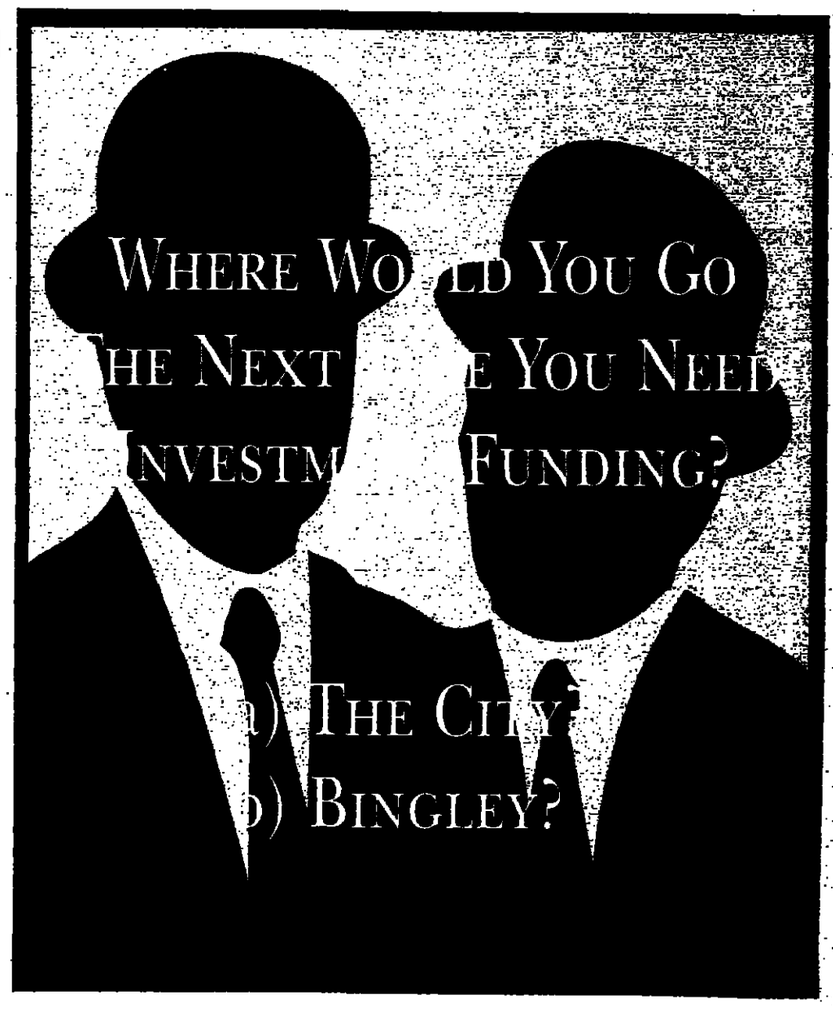
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Deutsche Telekom jobs purge

Deutsche Telekom, the German telecommunications group scheduled to become Europe's biggest privatisation next November, has finally agreed with its trade union on a plan to shed 60,000 jobs by the year 2000.

Ron Sommer, the group's management board chairman, sees the reduction as a key element in transforming the sprawling state monopoly for the private sector.

The deal, agreed late on Monday night, will reduce the workforce to 170,000. The company plans to cut the number of employees by almost 15,000 this year, awarding one-off compensation deals that will cost it about DM400 million.

More gloom for Iberia

The future of Iberia, Spain's troubled state airline, seemed bleak yesterday as Juan Manuel Eguiagaray, the Spanish Minister for Industry, tried to break through in talks with the EU for another government bail-out. A report by Barclays de Zoete Wedd published yesterday said the airline was virtually bankrupt.

Spain had been seeking permission from the EU to give Iberia 130 billion pesetas (£670 million) of public funds. So far, only 52 billion pesetas has been offered.

MMT record

Increasing client demand helped pre-tax profits at MMT Computing, the computer services company, to advance 22.8 per cent to a record £3.08 million in the year to August 31, as turnover rose 28.5 per cent to £14 million. A final dividend of 4.4p (3.7p), payable on January 8, gives a near 19 per cent rise in the yearly total to 6.2p (5.2p), from earnings ahead 24 per cent to 16.3p (13.1p) a share. MMT shares fell 12p to 208p.

Water group to spend £15m after increase in profits and efficiency savings

Anglian promises extra investment

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

ANGLIAN WATER has promised to spend an extra £15 million voluntarily on environmental and anti-drought measures after what Alan Smith, chief executive, described as the most successful half year in its history.

Pre-tax profits grew by 4.3 per cent to £126 million in the six months to September 30, in spite of an increased loss of £4.5 million, against £1.8 million, from unregulated water engineering businesses. The core East Anglian water and sewerage utility raised operating profits by 10 per cent to £154 million on turnover up 5 per cent to £331 million. Prices were up 4.1 per cent and Anglian gained about 14,000 extra customers.

The interim dividend rises 11 per cent to 8.9p per share from earnings up 6.5 per cent to 41.2p. Earnings per share were helped by Anglian buying in a tenth of its shares.

Robin Gourlay, the chairman, said the dividend rise was justified by the company's success in cutting costs by more than its regulator had assumed. Efficieny savings of £10.1 million pushed operating costs down 3 per cent to £126 million, a drop of 6.5 per cent in real terms.

Chris Mellor, finance director, said that the cost-cutting programme was a year ahead of schedule and savings should reached £20 million for the full year. In addition, Anglian is in talks with neighbouring Severn Trent Water on co-operation to cut costs on anything from emergency vehicles to procurement.

Mr Smith emphasised that no merger was contemplated and Anglian had no wish to move into electricity. The company held talks with Eastern Electricity, but they came to nothing and only modest savings were found. Eastern has since been taken over by Hanson, the conglomerate.

Two thirds of the £15 million voluntary investment will go on improvements to the water distribution network to remedy weaknesses shown by the drought, even though Anglian was one of the companies that managed to avoid hosepipe bans or any extensive loss of supply — at an extra cost of about £1 million.

Anglian will consult the National Rivers Authority on priorities for the unbudgeted environmental spending. The £15 million is not allowed for in prices. Total investment will be little changed at about £300 million for the full year.

The company has the lowest leakage rate of the ten privatised water groups. But Mr Smith said there might be a short-term upturn as the dry ground made burst pipes more likely this winter.

While rejecting proposed reforms of water regulation, Anglian is calling for much greater influence for its customers in deciding the balance between quality and prices. In order to keep prices down in last year's review, Ofwat rejected £200 million of investment approved by an extensive customer survey. The company has among the highest prices in the country, but has also gone farthest in metering, with 13 per cent of households now on meters.

Mr Smith said that customer services committees appointed by Ofwat did a good job, but that an independent voice for consumers required a model more like the Gas Consumers' Council.



Alan Smith, left, Robin Gourlay, centre, and Chris Mellor are to pour funds into investment

Chief executive at Calor resigns

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE chief executive of Calor Group resigned yesterday as the company issued a warning that profits would fall materially below those earned in the previous year.

Shares in Calor, the bottled gas company, fell, 20p to 237p, after it was revealed that Howard Robinson had "relinquished his position" as chief executive "to pursue his career elsewhere".

Mr Robinson, who had been in the job since January 1993, is believed to have disagreed with other board members over the direction of the company's UK bottled gas business. He is succeeded by John Harris, managing director of Calor's liquefied petroleum gas (lpg) business.

Mr Robinson was on a one-year contract and earned about £125,000 a year.

Demand for Calor gas has suffered in recent years. Successive mild winters have reduced overall demand for heating fuels, while competition from newcomers to the market has caused a reduction in prices and margins. Yesterday, the company warned shareholders that the warm weather had had an adverse effect on sales for heating purposes in September and October. "Unless different weather patterns emerge in the remaining two months of the year, the directors consider that group earnings in the second half of the year will be materially below those of the comparable period last year," the company said.

At the interim stage, Calor disclosed a decline in pre-tax profits to £26.2 million from £31.1 million. In the last full financial year, profits fell to £48.8 million from £51.5 million.

SHV Energy, a subsidiary of the Dutch consumer products group, holds a 51.6 per cent interest in Calor. The two companies have joined forces to develop interests in lpg overseas, beginning in Brazil. Separately, Calor has established a joint venture with Texaco in the UK to enter the natural gas market for domestic consumers, beginning in the South West.

Currencies gain helps Amersham to edge up

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

GROWING consolidation in the drugs industry and tighter research budgets combined with a sharp downturn in German environmental sciences business at Amersham International, taking a toll on the health science group's profits.

Currency benefits helped Amersham's pre-tax profits to edge up to £19.8 million in the six months to September 30, from £19.6 million last time, as turnover climbed 6 per cent to £163.9 million. Profits were boosted by a £1.5 million currency gain, with underlying profits down 7 per cent. Research and development spend rose 5 per cent to £10.3 million.

The group's life sciences operations have faced tough trading in the US as growing consolidation in the drugs industry has tightened research budgets, cutting out entire R&D units at some companies, and has hit sales of Amersham's diagnostic and assay kits. Operating profits at the division rose to £15.6 million (£15.3 million), on flat turnover of £74.4 million.

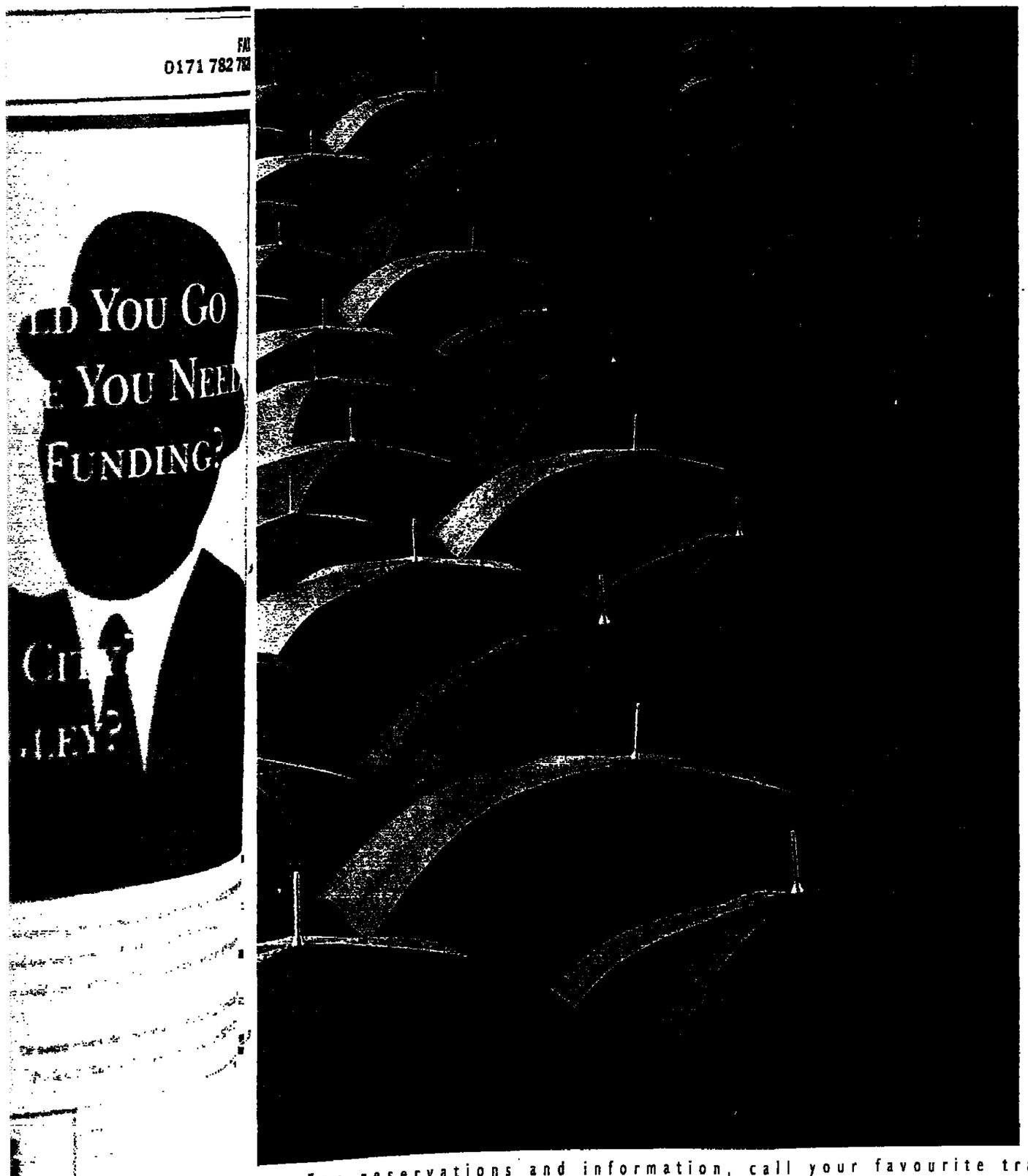
In spite of intensified price competition affecting traditional radiochemicals, Bill Castell, chief executive, expects the life sciences division to benefit from past restructuring and investment in new products, especially in the areas of sequencing and enzymes.

The healthcare division's profit rose to £5.9 million (£5.5 million), on turnover of £66.3 million (£62.3 million). Sales of Ceretec, Amersham's patented brain imaging agent, were hit by increased competition from DuPont's Neurolite, which was on sale in Japan and the US for the first time as well as Europe.

Operating profits from the industrial quality and safety assurance division slumped to £400,000 (£1.3 million), on turnover of £20.9 million (£22.7 million).

The interim dividend is maintained at 4.9p, in spite of a dip in earnings to 20.1p (20.8p) a share.

Amersham shares tumbled 71p to 849p.



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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2768½	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2746½	+16½	4.7	10.2
577½	413	Abbey Nat	545	+12	4.4	10.9
330	250	Allied Irish	327	+1	4.4	9.5
280	198	Aus New Z	273		5.1	8.2
4075	2531½	Bank America	3712½	-25		
270½	191½	Bank Scotland†	252	+3	3.0	11.1
778	557½	Barclays	769	+14½	3.7	10.5
426	288	Bk of Ireland	424	+1	3.8	8.5
525	418	Cater Allen	472		7.7	7.1
4662½	2450	Citicorp†	4300	-37½		
340½	216½	Close Bros	319	+2	3.4	
£162½	£129½	Commerzbk	£146½	-140½	3.7	
1375	993½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1084½	6½	0.5	
3231½	2775	Deutsche Bk	2818½	46½	2.6	
881½	612½	Espirito Santo	712½		11.6	
1611	1138½	Fuji Bank Y	1169½	54	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	451	+1	6.3	14.3
252	180	Hambros	200	-1	4.7	50.4
963	589	HSBC	937	-7	3.9	13.2
947	578	HSBC Hk	924	+7	3.8	12.0
335	228	Irish Perm	333		3.6	7.7
463	353	Joseph (L)	458	+5	4.8	25.6
145	85	King Shaxson	114		9.9	8.9
616	530	Lloyds	616	+18½	4.1	12.5
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	548		6.9	8.6
669	454	Nat West	649	+17	4.4	10.1
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500		6.5	3.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	45		2.8	18.0
560½	373½	Royal Bk Scot	513	+6	3.5	12.3
1378	906½	Schroders	1338		1.3	19.1
1180	822½	Schroders N/V	1105		1.6	15.7
110	81	Singer & Fried	107	+1	4.5	11.1
529½	246	Stand Chart	525	-8	2.1	15.2
396	217	TSB	396	+16½	3.7	13.7
121	70	Union	108	+1	5.5	
£149½	9043½	Wells Fargo†	£113½	-262½	2.2	
269½	211	Westpac	262	+4½	3.3	
295	200	Wintrust	295		3.6	16.9

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
231	143	Accol Hldgs	211			0.4
689	487	Bass	668	+6	4.0	16.1
473	329	Boddington	423	+4	3.7	21.8
142	137	Burtonwood Brw	142		3.5	17.2
156	137	Eldridge P A	142		3.1	20.9
62	51	Foster's Brewing	62		4.8	
432	335	Fuller Sm A	410		2.6	17.6
527	402	Greenalls Grp	506	+6	3.2	14.5
658	468	Greene King	636	-1	2.8	12.0
294	240	Hardy Hanson	279		4.3	13.0
160	150	Heavitree	155		3.5	10.3
3426	3048	Holt J	3143		2.3	16.6
347	219	Macdonald	379	-2	2.7	17.3
321	266	Merston Thmp	305		2.7	18.3
543	391½	Marston	526	-1	2.7	15.9
8½	6½	Paramount	7		3.9	
605	307	Regent Inns	575		1.5	22.6
2147½	1287½	SA Breweries	2075		1.7	28.4
624	482	Scot & New	582	-2	3.9	15.7
337	3.5	Scot & New P P	330			
309	211	Vaux Group	258		4.9	14.6
638	448	Wetherspoon JD	637		1.6	
647	521	Whitbread	625	-4	4.1	16.1
595	487	Wolverhampton D	527		3.4	15.6
296	186	Yates Bros	272	-1	1.4	27.5
475	425	Young A	455		4.1	20.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156	125	Abbey	135		4.9	8.8
199	142	Allen	176		3.9	13.1
78	54½	Amec†	53		6.1	12.2
170	132	Andrews Sykes	170	-5		
293	412	Ashtead	433		2.1	14.4
105	41	Avonside	42		9.4	6.7
38	25½	Bailey (Ben) Con	29½		5.6	5.7
41½	30½	Bascom	37			
207½	158	Barratt Devel	199	-1	4.7	
153	122	Beazer Homes	155		4.7	11.1
254	180	Bellway	234		4.7	
34	15	Bellwinch	16			8.6
421	315	Berkeley Gp	415	-2	2.3	17.8
187	165	Bett Bros	165		3.8	5.7
235	195	Boot (Henry)	195		4.6	9.1
124	89½	Brandon Hire	95		2.2	16.4
41	33	Britannia Grp	38			5.5
160	36	Br Bldg & Eng	36		2.6	5.0
154	93	Bryant	95			
121	99	CALA	114		3.5	11.0
17	11	Campbell & Arm	11			15.5
64	49	Clarke C	49		10.4	17.6
247½	61	Costain	72			
110	53	Countryside	54		9.7	7.7
81	42	Crest Nicholson	46		5.4	6.4
59	70	Cussins	70	+7	6.0	5.5
193	165	Eve Group	175		3.2	9.4
29	17	Galliford	18			
267	242	Gleeson (MJ)	248		2.5	
56	61	Green (Ernest)	61		10.5	26.6
273	179	Havelock Europ	227		1.5	12.9
158	115	Hewden-Stuart	122		2.9	13.1
93	73	Higgs & Hill	75		3.1	14.6
22	14	Howard Hldgs	15	-1	6.7	17.5
[illegible]	9	Jarvis	12			
137	38	Kelley	130		3.7	12.3
201	152	Laing (J)	172		3.2	12.2
97	62	Laing (J) 'A'	97		6.1	
31	12	Lovell (YJ)	14		6.9	1.4
236	175	Maunders (J)	175		4.9	
131	104	McAlpine (A)	124		6.0	13.1
62	45	McCarthy & S	47			15.1
73	51	Morgan Sindall	71		1.5	
171	115	Morrison Cons	116		3.2	11.4
105	52	Mowlem (J)	53	-2	4.5	29.5
216	162	Persimmon	163	-2	7.2	11.4
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126	94	Prowting	94		5.2	11.6
23	13	Raine Ind	15½		16.9	2.8
52	45	Secure Retire	50		3.5	9.5
175	92	Redrow	116		3.2	
376	350	Sheriff Hldgs	352		3.1	12.9
112½	73	Shiloh	30		6.1	12.3
355	299	Spandex	343		1.0	21.6
176	115	Try Homes	131		6.1	9.5
130	99	Taylor Woodrw	106	-2	3.7	19.1
508	415	Tilbury Douglas	416		9.3	14.2
139	52	Travis Perk	73		4.9	14.1
7	6	Treschwood	10			4.1
26	5½	Try Group	6		6.6	13.3
107	79	Ulticolor	85		6.0	7.6
116	95	Wainhomes	95	-1	5.7	9.2
60	37	Watts Hldgs	45		4.4	9.6
170	135	Westbury	169		4.4	12.3
5½	3½	Wiggins	4½			22.1
174	124	Wilson (C)	144		3.9	10.7
372	308	Wilson Bowden	339	-1	3.7	12.2
138	97	Wimpey G	100	-1	6.9	14.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
13	7½	Allnighton	12		1.0	
445	311½	Alumasc▼	440		2.2	19.0
342	267½	BPB Ind	299	+9	3.8	13.9
132	94	Baggeridge Brk	94		4.2	8.9
36	24	Bardon	24½		10.3	11.8
76	36	Blockleys	44		1.1	
339	255	Blue Circle†	305	+8	4.8	13.9
89	72	Breedon PLC	78		7.7	10.8
136	110	Br Dredging	110		6.4	14.4
453	338	CRH	445	+18	2.3	16.7
46	38	Caledonian Roy	38		3.3	
210	146	Capel	146		9.4	11.3
273	174	Caradon	177	-9	6.7	9.2
134½	99½	Caradon pfl	100½	-1	9.0	
55	18	Chelsham Gp	19		13.2	
198	105	Dyson (J&J)	185		2.7	15.3
90	63	Dyson A	81		6.2	6.7
98½	56½	Eclipse Blinds	82			75.4
315	234	Epwin	256	-2	4.3	11.8
99	35	Gibbs & Dandy	95		4.2	
193	160	Graham Grp	178		3.8	15.6
379	312	Halstead (J)	316		2.8	
325	254	Hepworth	296	-6	6.3	13.6
85	39	Hewetson	43		7.3	5.5
104½	75	Hewitt (J)	91			
268	202½	Heywd Wm	208		8.3	10.7
85	65	Ibstock	94		7.4	10.5
398	267	Johnston	315		4.2	7.3
108	84	Lilleshall	97		7.9	10.4
139½	105	Marley	106	-1	5.5	9.3
154	123	Marshalls	126		4.9	9.5
371	299	Meyer Int	323	14	4.4	10.9
178	122	Newman Tonks	122		6.7	11.6
106	76	Norcros	82	-2	5.3	
20	12	Phoenix Timber	15			11.3
217	143	Pilkington	136	-9	7.0	14.1
17	122	Polypipe	174	+2	1.9	16.3
1119	948½	RMC Gp▼	997	15	2.7	13.4
18	3	Ramus	3			
470	330	Redland	331	-6	6.3	19.1
172	91½	Rockell	104		5.1	10.9
176½	128	Rugby Group	150		5.1	12.1
125	100	Rugby Group	117	-1	3.8	15.1
113	83	Russell (A)	105		3.1	14.3
262	205	SIG	207		3.7	11.5
19	11	SWP	13		1.9	
180	156	Sharpe & Fisher	157		4.0	11.5
33	25½	Spring Ram	26			2.4
130	80	Tarmac	82		9.4	12.4
160	130	Tilbury	130		4.4	10.1
335	265	Travis Perkins	265	-7	3.7	12.9
36	24	Tudor	29		3.2	17.2
68	33	Wolsethouse	43			
136	83	Wickes	124		1.9	23.1
411	324	Wolseley	409½	+11½	3.0	13.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	0½	Anglo Utd	0½			
94	57	App Holo	87		3	
7½	5½	Bailey (CH)	6			
59	36	Black Arrow	44		5.8	7.1
87	60	Bs Bloodstock	85			27.3
6	3	Card Gp	4			
9½	4½	Chemex	7½		1.7	22.7
161	135	Cosalt	151		6.8	10.2
271	215	Filofax	271		1.2	20.1
43	24	Headway	33			30.0
436	248	Hozelock	426	+8	2.3	19.2
168	129	Leigh	129		7.6	13.4
231	102	Nobo Gp	132		6.9	8.7
265	166	Photo-Me	167	2	3.7	14.6
68	53	Plant & Gen	59		5.8	6.3
11	0½	Rodime	1½			
104	73	Shanks & McEwan	98		4.6	19.0
213	160	Sinclair (Wm)	197	-2	4.8	
414	241	Waste Mgt Int	320	-1		12.1
148	75	Waste Recyg	125	-1	1.2	27.1

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
198	146	Albright & Wil	147	+1	5.1	15.5
137	109	Allied Colloids	135		2.4	19.1
245	195	Amber Ind	245		2.9	4.1
65	47	Amberley Gp	64		2.4	18.4
£147½	£120½	BASF DM	£137½	+53½	3.3	
884	659	BOC	882	+10	3.5	18.3
303	236	BTP	266	-2	5.1	14.7
£171½	£141½	Bayer DM50	£165½	-109½	3.5	
165	103	Blagden	154			
119	82	Brent Chem I	82	-2	4.9	22.4
278	210	Br Vita	230	-2	4.5	14.0
239	181	Canning (W)	233	-1	4.2	15.0
489½	380	Courtaulds	383	-6	5.0	15.1
387½	320	Croda	350		3.2	15.3
232	125	Doeflex	216	-2	3.4	14.1
282	234	Ellis & Everard	262		4.0	15.3
107	58	Euro Colour	36	-1	3.2	24.9
222	114	Gibbon	222	+4	3.5	17.6
145	87	Hickson	87		6.0	8.3
£167½	£123½	Hoechst	£161	196½	3.2	
221½	185	Holliday Chem	197½		3.2	13.7
849½	660	ICI	792	+7	4.6	14.9
380	188½	Inspect	350		1.7	24.4
159	97½	Kalon	112		5.1	12.8
852	620	Laporte	838	-1	3.4	17.2
86	68	MTM	68		2.8	12.5
385	293	Manders	309		4.5	13.3
66	30	Metrotect	43		4.4	16.5
516	383½	Mentholatum	455½	-1½	4.7	19.5
425	373½	Pynor	374	-1	1.7	27.4
250	188	Scapa	234		3.3	18.9
34	16	Sutcliffe Speak	30		1.7	37.2
938½	695½	Takeda Chem	939½	+22	0.9	13.0
256	186	Wellington Hldg	248		3.3	19.0
1058	778	Wolstenholme Rl	1013		2.7	17.2
374	275	Yorks Chem	372		3.9	13.5
340	276	Yule Catto	318		2.9	16.8

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
113½	88½	ABI Leis	100		5.2	11.5
595	535	Adam & Harvey	553	+3	4.0	6.5
21	14	Alexanders	14		6.2	23.0
113	88	Appleyard	90		8.3	9.7
4½	3½	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	28.5
623	518	BSS Group	577		4.2	16.6
48	28	Bandt	33			
24½	15½	Bearing Power	16½		7.6	8.1
28	18	Boggod A	28		3.4	9.3
483	345	Brammer	442		3.8	17.0
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	17		1.5	
96	78	Brit Fittings	84		4.8	12.7
270	215	Cattles	253		5.7	16.0
88	54	Central Mtr	67		5.1	18.2
60	35	Cook (DC)	54	+1	3.5	7.9
330½	220	Cowie	283		4.2	12.1
155	125	Dag Motors	130	-3	6.9	10.7
598	508	Dennans D	508		1.9	11.2
501	408	Diploma	434		4.0	14.2
332½	236	Electrocomponts	328	+1	2.1	23.9
247	153	Eurodis Elec	235		2.2	16.2
235	116	Eurodollar	116	-2	8.4	7.0
120	87	European Mtr	97	-4	6.4	8.3
449	295	Evans Halshaw	303	-1	6.4	9.4
695	512	Farnell Electr	678	+1	1.8	19.7
72	48	Fife Indmar	66		6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardiner	19½		5.3	8.6
30	16	Glencheweton	26½	-½	1.4	
108	61	Gommings	85		3.3	14.1
180	148	Harris (Philip)	180		4.9	12.5
195	152	Headlam	194	+3	2.7	17.0
554	258	Henlys	500	+2	2.5	18.6
121	81	Holders Tech	121		6.2	23.0
150	88	ISA Intl	146	+6	1.4	16.0
430	274	Inchcape	295	-7	6.4	26.8
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	60		1.6	11.4
187	142	Kwik-Fit	175		3.3	15.0
358½	264½	Lex Service	315		5.7	16.8
195	146	Lookers	149		8.4	8.2
22	9	Malaya Grp	10½		5.6	14.5
3½	5	Middlesex	8½		0.7	20.1
71	36½	Midsales	36½	-1		4.2
503	330	Norbain	475		1.3	16.3
365	79	Northamber	253	-3	0.8	20.3
155	135	PCT	137		7.0	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	272½		3.8	14.2
166	123	Perry Grp	158		6.1	11.9
146	126	Quick Group	131		5.5	11.2
183	160	REA	179	+1	2.8	21.3
3½	2½	Reece	3½			
73	42	Roman	54		2.9	11.0
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3½			
63½	37½	SEP Ind	59	-½	2.5	19.7
17½	10	Saltac	10			5.7
71½	38	TLS	66		3.5	11.2
256	220	Time Products	256	+1	4.6	14.8
275	151	Vardy (Reg)	252		2.9	16.0
304	240	Wholesale Figs	304	+1	4.9	19.0
80	62½	Wishaw	74	-½	1.3	19.3
90	56½	Wyko	87		1.8	
91	58	Young (H)	89		5.1	13.6

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
175	138	Adwest	139		7.0	
353	255	Amalgamated	283		1.9	13.8
940	728½	Broken Hill	863		2.8	
348	291	BTR	333		5.2	14.4
561	405	BAT	533	+6	5.3	12.4
270½	144	Bensford Intl	150	+2	1.2	39.7
127	71	Bibby (J)	125	+2	5.8	23.2
51	40½	Boxley Invt	46½	-½	9.3	7.6
945	743	Charter	826		3.8	13.4
338	185	Cookson	297	-1	3.1	18.9
153	100	Grampian Hldg	141	-1	5.2	15.9
243½	189½	Hanson	192½	-½	7.9	10.5
162½	135	Harrison Crsfld	147½	-½	7.5	15.9
359½	207½	Hutch Whampo	351½	+2½	2.2	19.2
584½	371½	Jardine Math	380½	-3½	4.2	7.7
37	26	Jourdan (T)	26		6.1	6.9
171	134	Lonrho	159½	+1	3.5	22.0
171	113	McLeod Russel	151		5.1	15.2
44	34	Porter Chadburn	37			13.8
601	447	Powell Duffryn	589	-4	5.3	15.4
152	123	Ropner	150		6.9	10.3
173	130	Sime Darby	153	-3	3.0	14.4
230	164	Steveley	213		5.0	15.5
207	149	Suter	182	+1	6.5	12.5
296	227	TT Group	269		2.6	15.1
297	214	Tomkins	248		4.3	13.7
76	18½	Transtec H	73	+½	5.4	
299	295	Unitare	295		6.4	
390	315	Wardle Storeys	383		5.6	19.0
300	241	Wassall	266	-1	2.1	13.0
200	162	Whitecroft	182	+2	3.2	14.2
350	298½	Williams Hldg	321	+1	5.4	14.3

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
925	554	East Midlands	903	+4	3.9	12.5
976	535	Eastern Grp	974		3.6	13.0
950	546	London Elec	922	-1	3.9	12.2
1023	621	Manweb	1000		4.0	13.6
993	563	Midlands	970		4.8	10.0
551	371½	National Power	476		4.4	10.5
271	195½	Nat Power P/P	187	+1	4.2	10.8
379½	637½	Northern Elec	912	-3	4.9	9.6
477	313	Nthn Ireland	465	+20	3.6	11.3
1252	611	Norweb	1190	+5	3.6	12.5
620	457½	PowerGen	563		3.4	11.3
299	176½	PowerGen (P/P)	244	+1	2.5	11.3
379	303	Hydro-Elect	340	+2	5.2	9.9
371	306	Scottish Power	355½	-2½	4.9	10.6
625	304	Seeboard	625	+1	2.9	13.5
999	630	Sth Wales	988	+28	3.9	10.3
937	603	Sth Western	900		4.0	10.6
976	548	Southern Elec	958	-2	4.6	10.5
939	599	Yorkshire Elec	924	-5	4.1	11.6

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
504	232	Acal	502		1.8	20.1
159	77½	Acorn Comp	145			
787	625	Admiral	783		1.3	20.5
261	195	Alba	253		2.6	17.3
296½	127½	Amstrad	284	-2½	1.1	
41	30	Aston	38		2.0	15.2
136	77	Astec	117½		1.4	18.3
525	116	Astan	490	+5	0.8	39.1
296	249	BICC	256	+1	6.1	15.0
235	225	Beales Hunter	231		5.5	12.4
522	410	Black	464		3.2	14.9
521	264	Bowthorpe	439		2.7	19.6
25½	17½	Bulgin (AF) A	24½	-½	2.1	9.6
201	117	CML Micro	130		5.9	100
39	17	Channel Hldgs	23		7.2	6.5
28½	28	Chloride	33½		1.6	61.6
90	61	Clayhithe	71		5.4	17.7
208	105	Cogymodic	208		4.9	27.1
70	41½	Cray Elect	46	+½	6.8	
648	461	Cutchley	607	-6	1.9	21.3
600	330	Dalla Bo Sys	545	-12	0.5	29.3
533	393	Delta	423	-1	4.6	14.6
565	475	Domino	464	3	2.7	15.2
72	61	Dowding Mill	63		5.5	16.7
3250	1465	Druck	2190		0.7	28.7
3340½	2562½	Electrolux B	3768½	+12½	4.3	4.4
34½	26	Emess	31		0.4	
1659½	850	Ericsson B	1453½	+6½	0.5	33.7
104	64	Eurocopy	83	5	3.2	16.6
575	370	Eurotherm	574	+1	1.4	26.0
542	375	Fancy Group	518	+6	1.6	21.8
515	165	Firmware Com	493	-12	0.2	78.8
608	195	Forward Gp	608	+40	1.3	33.8
100	40	Forward Tech	83	-1	3.8	11.6
341	269	GEC	333	-2	4.5	15.9
141	132	Graseby	143	-2	5.8	13.1
141	75	Ind Control	94	+1	4.8	18.7
24½	14	Intelek	24	+½	3.9	30.5
320	225	Kenwood App	225		5.6	10.1
107	50	Kode	99			
49	28	LPA Ind	37		5.7	26.3
330	267	MTL Inst	267		2.2	14.8
298	254	Memec Sa	280		2.3	18.5
53½	30½	Microvitec	40½	-½	2.1	16.3
377	224	Mitel	377	+1		
464	315	Oxford Inst	432	+1	1.6	18.1
132	51	Pacer Systems	127	+2	3.2	17.1
112	73	Pecks	105		4.0	17.0
3321	1893½	Philips Lmp nv	2350	-68½	2.1	9.4
249	217	Pifco	221		2.8	13.8
327	207	Pifco 'A' Vtg	211		2.9	13.2
153	116	Plaxmec	143		3.9	11.4
153	96	Pressac	145		3.0	
54	23	Prestwick	41			16.3
618	243	Psion	615	+1	0.8	26.1
31	15	Quadrant Grp	15		2.1	41.9
295	217	Racal Elect	271	-2	2.3	20.9
83	44	Radamec	75		3.7	16.6
449	301	Ranford	398	-13		22.4
284	207½	Roxboro	284	-1	2.3	14.0
20½	5	Scantronic	9½			
56	38	Silvermines	51		2.6	13.6
67	36	Soundtracs	37	-1½	8.4	10.7
215	163	Stoves	215	+2	7.6	
9½	5	TDS Circuits	8½			
3468½	2468½	TDK	3419½	50	0.5	
376	37	Tadpole Tech	42			
136	57	Telemetrix	135		1.1	19.2
102	83	TGI	92		3.7	11.6
1048	342	Telspec	1020	-10	0.5	57.0
299	226	Thorpe FW	244		2.0	14.8
184	130	TLG	160	-2	2.7	17.3
38	16	Total Systems	22	-1		22.9
330	267	Tunstall	309	-2	1.6	19.6
587	350	Unitech	530	-2	1.8	19.5
13½	5	Vardy	12½		1.0	19.9
405	358	Volex	427	+1	5.6	15.3
79	22	Wardbourne	24	-1		3.4
187	122	Whessoe	183		1.0	

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
347	167	ABM	300		1.9	
97	47½	APV	84	-1	4.6	
248	158	ASW	159		5.0	7.6
37	24	Acro Hamble	30			
149½	117	Alvis	142		1.1	
168	133	Ash & Lacy	165		4.9	11.4
638	538	Atlas Equipt	635		4.3	22.2
153	118	Ayrshire Metal	150		5.3	7.5
102	79	Bl Group	100		6.0	12.8
187	112½	Babcock	166	-1	1.2	
165	122	BM	139		6.8	
105	77	Bayoes (Charles)	102		2.7	17.7
39½	26	Beaulord	36		3.2	6.1
130	90	Billam	120		5.5	
421	308	Bodycote	419		1.8	21.3
81	36	Booth Inds	36			
21	13	Brasway	17½		4.2	
157½	122½	Bridon▼	178		3.0	16.1
286	418½	Br Aerospace	214		1.9	26.3
191	144	Br Steel	160½	-5	5.8	7.3
14½	10½	Brooke Tool	14		0.9	32.5
49	35½	Brunel	35½	-½	1.8	
190	129	Bullough	129	-4	5.9	12.5
123	71	Burnfield	110		3.5	15.9
315	236	Cardo Eng	311		4.0	16.8
194	150	Castings	189		2.2	15.3
163	145	Chamberlin Hill	163		5.4	11.5
378	294	Charring	375		3.4	18.0
198	130	Clyde Blowers	190	-5	3.3	
422	302	Cobham	401		2.7	24.4
725	505	Cohen (A)	650		1.2	6.0
203	166	Concentric	180	-3	4.3	13.7
243	210	Cook (Wm)	226		4.6	9.3
240	189½	David Brown	219		4.0	14.1
133	68	Dobson Park	132		4.9	27.3
417	330	ES	400		4.0	14.4
113	91	Elliott (B)	113		2.6	12.8
93	71	Emamel	91		7.3	17.1
184	130½	FKI	151	-6	3.8	14.7
157	119½	Fenner	155		1.6	22.4
26	1½	Firmin	1½			
138	112	GEI Int	121		3.1	14.8
199	117	Galon Engl	191		3.8	10.4
378	292	Glynwed	312	-5	5.0	12.6
13½	10½	Gravitone	13		5.1	
89	59	Haden MacLn	85		3.2	22.2
190	133	Hadleigh	183		2.8	15.6
215	136	Hall Eng	200		3.8	
175	133½	Halma	174	+1	1.5	23.4
57	30	Hampson Ind	52		5.3	10.0
37	19	Hay (Norman)	30			
132	110	Hill & Smith	110	-1	6.6	13.8
59	38	Hopkinsons	33		4.9	
41	28	Howden	34		2.8	
95	74	Howden	82½		4.1	10.9
219	162	Hunting	205	-1	6.1	19.2
348½	286	IMI	319	-3	4.2	20.8
67	48½	Johnson & FB	64		0.6	66.4
614	499	Johnson Matth	604	-3	3.0	15.2
52½	28	Jones Stroud	50			
548	310	Kalsey Ind	510		3.0	14.0
290	265	Laird	286		3.6	14.1

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
19½	11½	Lockes (T) A	16½		3.0	
45	29	ML Hdgs	40		3.9	13.2
39	19	MS Intl	32		2.0	
234	137	Marg Bronze	228	+1	2.7	
476	378	McKechnie	428		4.8	
95	61	Meggitt	88		5.6	23.6
136	91½	Metals	104		4.5	16.7
138	123	Metsect	123		3.2	26.0
825	487	Molins	804		2.7	14.0
405	293	Morgan Crucible	391		4.3	17.1
316	178	Morris Ashby	290		2.9	15.9
53	32	Neepsend	52		3.6	13.3
70	41	Neotronics	52	+9	4.1	10.6
41½	12	OMI Ind	12		7.8	
391	233	Powerscreen	381		2.8	15.3
15½	4½	Prospect Inds	5		16.5	
73	60	Radiant Metal	65			
64	41	Ransomes	59			
88	61	Record	68		6.8	13.2
445	265	Renishaw	417		2.2	23.1
291	180	Renold	252	-4	2.2	18.5
58	37	Richard (Leeds)	37		7.6	12.9
99	66	Richardson West	82		5.3	13.5
194½	148	Rolls-Royce	157½	+1½	4.0	22.6
180	158½	Rotork	169		3.7	16.1
183	143	Rubicon	180		3.7	17.3
114	67	Senior Engl	99½	-½	4.4	35.2
330	263	Servomex	330		2.7	22.3
127	49	Sefid-Rve	114	+6	1.6	19.7
760	498	Siebe	755	+2	2.0	20.9
99	67	Simon Eng	84	-2		
183	79	Six Hundred	158		1.6	15.6
1471½	1034½	SKF 'B'	1362½	+6½	3.2	12.0
605	473	Smiths Indl	584	+2	3.1	18.6
612	431	Spirax-Sarco	605		2.5	19.0
386	227	Sterling Ind	285		3.3	16.4
454½	328	TI	440	+5	3.5	20.6
100	92	Tinsley (E)	98		7.2	13.6
101	51	Transtec	85	-1	2.1	
184	127	Triplex Lloyd	144½	-1½	6.1	14.4
18	14	Utd Inds▼	16½	-½	2.8	13.2
15½	5	Verson	11			
262	162	Vickers	252	+2	2.7	20.3
14½	8½	Villiers Grp	13	-½		
734	506	Vinten	709	-1	1.7	18.0
968	722	Vosper Thorny	860		3.1	16.3
516	444	Wagon Ind	460		5.1	14.0
293	222	Weir	233	-1	3.8	19.6
58½	36	Wellman	55	-½	3.6	10.4
503	390	Whatman	444	-1	3.3	14.2
11½	8½	Widney	10	-½	3.4	15.5
38	23	AFF Inds	26			
294	153	Airflow Streaml	255		3.9	5.9
49½	41	Armour	42½	-½	5.8	
528	440	Avon Rubber	524		4.0	18.9
281	181	BBA	208		2.4	
72½	49½	BSG	56½		7.1	12.0
12	3½	Benson Group	4		3.8	
340	285	Bostrom	296	-3	2.6	16.4
34	17	Boustead	19		6.7	
14	9	Cowdale	10½	+1	3.4	6.8
357	272	ERF	274	-2	2.1	16.1
503	370	First Tech	452	-2	1.9	17.1
829½	543	GKN	801	+2	3.5	16.4
3221½	2343½	General Mtr	2843½	+68½	2.7	
1174	846	Honda Motor	1118½	+5½	0.4	
448	304	Laird	419	-1	3.5	15.9
440	345	Loades	405			
212	163	Lucas	202	+5	4.3	61.6
95½	53	Mayflower	94½	-1	2.2	24.6
200	150	Syltone	191		3.5	17.8
197	137	T & N	138	-2	5.4	
378	324	Trinity Hldgs	340	+1	2.8	18.4

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
739	556	AB Food	695	-9	2.4	12.4
267	205	Acatos & Hutch	247	+1	4.6	9.4
56	38	Albert Fisher	47		10.0	11.5
275	195	Banks (S C)	275		4.5	14.0
397	330	Barr (AG)	345		2.8	15.5
40	15	Bessons Crsp	18	+1		
445	359	Booker	370	+7	7.6	18.8
47½	31	Borthwick	36		4.5	27.1
333	191	CPL Aromas	319		1.4	22.8
549	370	Cadbury-Schwpt	528	+3½	3.8	18.9
295	239	Carrs Milling	273	+3	3.1	10.5
190	145	Cranswick	190		5.7	13.0
163	93	Dalepak	160		2.0	16.0
464	379½	Dalgety	407	-2	6.8	12.3
67	43½	Daniels S	45		0.3	
255	208	Devro	239		3.8	15.1
106	62	Ennegi	98	+4	5.1	5.8
20½	3½	Farringford	16½			
78	47	Finlay (James)	58		6.9	22.7
17	10	Global	17		3.9	11.8
517	400	Greencore	517	+7	2.4	13.6
133	91	Hazlewood Fds	104	-5	8.1	9.5
201	150	Hillsdown	159½	-½	7.2	10.7
29½	27½	Hobson	27	-½	3.8	30.5
85	63	JLI Group	70		8.8	11.0
363	317	Linton Park	317		5.9	7.7
123	94	Matthews (B)	95		4.2	9.0
243	211	Nichols (JN)	240		3.2	15.5
221	158	Nthn Foods	170	-2	6.5	
14	8½	Nurdin Fn	14			10.3
250	80	Pascoe's	110			
52½	9	Pengetikan (UK)	9½			
93	60	Perkins Food	72		7.7	10.2
140	73	SeaPerfect	76	+1		
147	84	Senky Farm	134		3.2	10.7
78	45	Sims Food	48		3.0	9.1
479	412	Tate & Lyle	445	2	4.2	9.2
408	304	Ireat	325		2.0	14.6
440	333	Unigate	402	-3	5.7	13.8
1308	1174	Unilever	1202	-13	2.8	14.5
8551½	7390	Unilever (NV)	8121½	-271½	3.0	12.2
368	259	Utd Biscuits	261	-1	6.4	16.5
41	33	WT Foods	33	-3	9.5	12.2
110	80	Yorkshire Food	90		5.0	10.3

HEALTHCARE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1070	770	Amersham	849	-71	2.5	16.6
102	43	Anagen	70	+6		
207	170	Assoc Nursg	170	-5	2.2	13.0
359	238	Bespak	325		3.9	22.5
457	162	Biocompat Intl	405	+1		
81	60	Care UK	67		0.5	17.2
150	71	Celsis	137	+9		
265	198	Community Hl	258		4.2	13.2
37	29	CrestaCare	32	-½	3.2	11.1
113	15	Enviromed	32	+3	7.6	2.9
86	56	Ferrans Group	55		5.1	7.6
166	112	Goldsborough	112		3.9	9.0
10½	8½	Greenacre	10½		4.5	12.8
833	428	Hunting Tec	823	-2	1.0	30.4
77	35½	Intercare Gp	55		8.0	13.2
310	235	Isotron	308	+3	2.1	
149	85	Life Sciences	90	+1	6.1	9.3
141	85	Lon Intl	133		0.9	
79	41	Nestor-BNA	64		6.2	14.4
60	8	Premier Health	10			0.7
290	230	Quality Care	270		2.2	13.4
248	118	Scholl	219		3.8	
405	311½	Seton Health	386	1	2.4	18.0
95	32	Shield Diag	90	-2		48.1
205	152	Smith & Nephew	191		3.5	22.0
22	7	Specialeyes	19			0.7
228	183	Takare	208		1.4	13.3
285	234	UniChem	249		3.7	14.0
356	283	West Hitbom	327	-2	2.1	14.5

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
228	173	Airsprung	177½		3.8	9.9
162	98	BLP Group	99		3.3	9.1
43	29	Bilston Battsea	42			22.3
108	56	Cornell Pic A	83	+2	0.9	
170	130	Creighton Lb	138		7.0	9.9
168	141	Denby Group	162		2.4	19.0
145	127	Gerket	132		3.7	11.0
449	343	MY Ind	428		2.6	12.1
5	2	Lionheart	2½			
215	188	McBride	203	+2	4.1	
236	160	Maybom	230		3.5	12.0
485	365	Osborne & Little	385		3.3	9.8
465	403	Paterson Zoch	455		4.1	
420	365	Paterson Zch A	390		4.6	
714	584	Reckitt Colmn	657	-6	2.7	15.1
294	236	Relyon	264		3.4	16.9
295	244	Royal Doulton	247		3.9	12.3
216	148	Silentnight	193	-1	5.3	12.5
32½	25½	Stoddard	26		7.7	8.6
210	155	Tomkins	160		9.0	19.6
130	85	Victoria Carpet	86		7.9	
108	79	Walker Greenbk	85		5.1	16.8
66	51	Wilsford Wdgwd	58		1.8	19.5
225	155	Wood (Arthur)	175		5.0	13.8

INSURANCE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1675	1187½	Alex & Alex	1425	12½	4.4	
2481½	1787½	Am Genl	2068½	-31½	3.8	
98	76	Angerstein	69		4.3	29.3
63	51	Archer	54		2.3	
99	48	Bradstock	65		11.0	9.1
726	385	Enlarnic	725	+1	2.5	
97	84	CLM Insce	94	-1	5.6	
652	472	Com Union	508	-2	5.6	9.7
103	78	Delian	95		2.8	
1660	1085	Dom & Genl	1755	+5	3.0	13.9
194	159½	FBD IE	187½	+3	4.0	7.9
184	176	Fenchurch Grp	145		2.0	9.6
105	92	Fenchurch Undes	104		2.0	52.2
707	499	Gen Accident	652	+4	5.8	6.8
252	160½	GRE	234	+1	5.5	4.5
97	72	HCG Lloyds	92		4.4	30.0
249	147	Heath C E	165	-7	11.9	10.5
296½	225	Hiscox	281½	-½	3.8	29.5
111	88	Hiscox Scc	102½		2.6	40.4
362	256	Independent	327		2.5	8.0
256	128	Irish Life	235		5.7	20.6
138	110	JIB Group	118		7.0	13.9
102	97	Kiln Capital	99		5.1	
634	414	Legal & Genl	674	+11	4.2	19.9
1868½	1296	Liberty Life	1740½	-56½	7.7	5.4
182	136	Lloyd Thompson	138		6.2	
426	317	Lloyds Abbey	455		5.5	11.0
401	303	London & Man	375	+9	5.8	15.4
106	87	London Ins Mkt	97		3.5	32.9
129	129	London Life	129		8.0	7.2
5687½	4757½	Marsh McLen	5335	-25	3.8	
101	73	Marshes	95	-1	3.3	25.3
191	136	Nelson Hurst	153		5.7	9.8
93	65	New London Cap	91	-1	4.7	20.7
65	34	Ockham	39	-1	5.2	
110	90	Onelt	92	-1	5.8	11.0
82	66	Premium Trust	91		4.5	
122	85	Premium Und Tr	120	-1		
421	290	Prudential	419	-1	4.6	17.0
36	17	PWS	15		7.9	
426	241	Refuge	432		3.6	30.0
426	251	Royal	397	-6	4.2	7.3
163	104	Sedgwick	113	-4	7.4	10.0
122	35	Steel Burrill	57	-2	19.5	4.9
452	291	Sun Alliance	372	-1	5.5	10.4
94	64	Syndicate Cap	93	-1	3.7	34.8
81	61	Trade Indemnity	69	-1	3.6	31.1
407	456	Utd Fr Indl	482	3	3.8	15.0
172	118	Willis Corroon	125		6.6	9.9
24	14	Windsor	13½		3.3	5.2

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
421	332	3i	418	+2	2.2	
91	62	Abtrust Emerg	68½	-1	0.4	
94	73	Abtrust High Inc	77		9.7	
218	182	Abtrust N Eur	215		0.7	
2025	1622	Alliance	1925		3.2	
297	239	American Trst	269	-2	1.6	
372	351	Anglo & O'seas	327	-1	1.9	
157	104	Baillie Gifford Sh	116	-1		
213	172	Bankers	205½	+½	2.4	
46½	28½	Baring Em Eu	40½			
353	300	Baring Tribune	339½		2.5	
96	84½	Br Assets	92½		6.2	
97½	83	Br Empire Secs	91½		1.4	
37½	25	Br Empire Wts	29			
233	194	Br Inv	219	+1	3.0	
101	71½	Brazilian	71½			
265½	211	Brunner	243		2.9	
136	115½	BZW Conv	115½	-1½	8.4	
484	318	Candover	484	+4	3.3	
53	34½	Central Euro Gwth	39		1.4	
185	144	China & Eastern	170		2.6	
188	161	Coal Asset	179		2.1	
80	75	Danae Inv Inc	75		13.3	
340	278	Derby Cap	325			
166	148	Derby Inc	153		14.9	
736	617	Dunedin Inc G	703	-1	4.8	
91	73	Dunedn Japan	78½	+1		
333	296	Dunedn Smlr	326		3.5	
42	21	Dunedn Wts	22			
801	678	Dunedn Wwde	754	-1	1.6	
109½	82½	Edin Dragon	99½	-1		
43½	22	Edinburgh Inca	22½	-½	0.3	
339	281	Edinburgh	318	-1	3.7	
182	127	EFM Japan	139			
376	307	Electra Inv	368		2.5	
219	180	Electric Gen	212	-½	1.9	
143	108	English Scot	142			
359	273	European Asset	335	+1	1.9	
199	147½	Fidelity Euro Val	197½	+1	0.2	
83	62½	Fidelity Jap Val	71	+½	0.2	
108	81	Fidelity Spec Valt	101		0.6	
175	149	Finsbury 'A'	172		2.3	
80	62	First Spanish	75		0.4	
338	267	Fleming Amer	301½		0.7	
74½	51½	Fleming Chinese	58		1.1	
39	20	Fleming Ch Wts	21			
244	198	Fleming Clavert	236		3.1	
357	288½	Fleming Conti	337	+1	1.3	
158½	125	Fleming Em Mkts	137½	-½		
258	199	Fleming Entp	248		2.6	
360	278½	Fleming F East	323	+1	0.6	
402	327	Fleming Fledg	397		0.9	
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc	100		5.7	
87	58	Fleming Indian	58½		1.9	
48	28	Fleming In Wts	29½	-½		
39	29	Fleming Intl	38½	+½	11.9	
358	203	Fleming Japan	234	+2		
303	252½	Fleming Merc	292	+½	3.0	
97	72½	Fleming Nat Res	87	-1		
325	269	Fleming O'seas	316½	+1	1.8	
151	124	Foreign & Col	149		1.6	
110	91	For & Col Inc Gwh	98		4.1	
120½	93	Frgn Eng Mkts	100½	-1		
85	67½	Frgn Enterprise	85	+½	1.2	
263	204½	Frgn Eurotst	250	+1	0.6	
135	115	Frgn German	123½		0.5	
179	137½	Frgn Pacific	172		1.0	
139	120	Frgn PEP	133		3.8	
176	153	Frgn Smaller	172	+½	1.5	
126	90	Frgn US Smlr	124			
24	17½	Fulcrum Cap	19			
46	36	Fulcrum Inc	36			
161	141	Fulcrum Zero	160½			
218	188	Gartmore Brit	215		4.2	
204	174	Gartmore Eml	200		2.5	
164	127	Gartmore Euro	159	+1	0.7	
101	84	Gartmore Shrd	92½		13.0	
249	207	G'more Smlr Cost	240		3.0	
100	84	Geared Inc Invt	84		12.3	
183	138	Genl Cons Cap	174			
113	104	Genl Inc	108		10.8	
105	86	German Inv	99		0.5	
246	192	Gov Asn Sm Cos	203		0.2	
119½	88	Gov Eng Mks	95½	-½	0.4	
197	135	Govett Am Smlr	174			
89	71	Gov Glob Smll	83	+½		
86	70	Govett High Inc	76		9.2	
381	322	Govett Oriental	356	-½	0.4	
290	223	Govett Strategic	280	-1	3.0	
443	361	Greenfriar	436		2.0	
19	6	Gresham House	6			
251	191	GT Japan	226	-2	0.7	
136	113	H Govett Smll Co▼	130		1.9	
128	113	Head Hight	125		5.8	
350	258	Hend Stads	350		0.2	
123	80	Herald	122	+1	0.5	
107	67½	HTR Jap Smaller	84½	+½		
17	12	IBC Ent	16			
119	93	IAS UK Smlk	112		3.2	
142	118	Inv Cap	141		4.7	
109	78	Int Biotech	97		1.3	
39	20	Intl Wts	31			
99	74	INVESCO Asia	93½			
72	51	INVESCO Blue	64		16.4	
130	88	INVESCO Eng Inr	130	-1	0.8	
149	122	INVESCO Korea	143			
61	49	INVESCO Tokyo	51½	+½		
97	82	J Fry 2nd U	97	+1	3.8	
94	81	J Fry Euro U	84		6.6	
224	174	JF Fledg Jau	212	+1		
124	99	Jupiter Intl Gm	124	+1	3.4	
249	194	Klmn Qtrl	239	+½	2.8	
121	96½	Klnwt E Mkt	107	-1		
129	110	Klnwt End	126			
84½	73	Klnwt Euro Prvt	80½	+½	0.3	
27½	21	Klnwt Euro Wts	21½	+½		
91	74	Klnwt H Inc	84		13.1	
266	213	Klnwt O'seas	257	-1	1.7	
140	111	Klnwt Smlr	136		2.2	
605½	377½	Korea-Euro	586½	-½	0.1	
125½	71	Latin American	84½	1½		
922	718	Law Debenture	919	+2	2.9	
106	82	Lazard H Inc	85	-½	9.6	
102	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	99			
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Dis	27		17.1	
130	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	126		3.2	
177	160	Lon St Lawrence	173	-1	4.6	
101	79½	Lon Smaller Cos	98		4.1	
355	283	Lowland	337	-2	3.5	
1387½	1125	Lmbrthg	1225		1.6	
638	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	623			
135	110	M&G 2nd Dual In	110		27.7	
3000	2533	M&G Dual Cap	2995			
313	210	M&G Dual Inc	223			
66½	60	M&G Inc Geared	62½		10.1	
32	26½	M&G Inc Ly Ta Cp	29½			
37½	31½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	33½		19.0	
129	116	M&G Inc Package	121		5.0	
66	54½	M&G Inc Zero Uni	62½			
30½	22½	M&G Rec Cap	22½			
61½	48	M&G Rec Geared	50		9.9	
30	24½	M&G Rec Inc	26½		18.5	
139½	127	M&G Rec Packge	137		3.6	
91½	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	91			
122	100	M Currie Euro	110		0.4	
157	119	M Currie Pac	137		0.1	
215	182	Majedie	212		3.5	
57	42	Marakon	44			
287	241	Merchants	277	-1	5.2	
93	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	87½	+½	2.0	
32	23½	Mercury Eur Wt	26	+½		
99	78	Mercury World	86½	+½	1.0	
31	14	Mercury Wld Wts	17	+½		
577	482	Monks Inv Tst	562		1.7	
150	125	Morg Gren Inc	157		4.0	
58	40½	Morg Wts	56	+½		
58	48	Morg Lati Amer	58	-½		
49	30	Morg Wts	35			
130	104	Murray Ent	122		7.4	
34	22	Murray Ent Wts	22			
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	75	-1		
40	19	Murray Em Ec Wt	21	-½		
65	54	Murray Euro	54½		0.8	
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	10½			
372	308	Murray Incme	366		4.1	
378	296	Murray Intl	366		4.3	
162½	162½	Murray S/C OP	162½			
151	126	Murray S/C Cap	140			
81	73	Murray S/C Inct	73		17.8	
3250	2900	Murray S/C Ulst	3025		0.4	
460	376	Murray Small	425	+1	1.4	
377	308	Murray Vent	352		4.3	
19	11	Newmarket	14			
61	53	Nolbrog Inct	58		10.4	
79	61	Nolbrog Cap	70			
372	316	O'seas Inv Tst	350	+1	1.3	
199	156	O'seas Wts	161			
141	90½	Pacific Assets	125	-1½	0.3	
95	73½	Perpetual Jap	75½	+½		
286	216	Perpl UK Sm Co	286		1.0	
£105	8425	Personal Assets	£105		2.4	
125	107	Pilot Inv	107		2.1	
108	87½	Prolific Inc	106½		3.5	
196	164	RIT Cap Ptnr	195½	+1½	1.0	
34	26½	River Merc Am Cap	34			
104	97	River Merc Am Inc	103		9.5	
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	8½			
134	114	River Merc Cap	128			
97	77½	River Merc Ex Inct	86½	+½	11.3	
16	8	River Merc Ex IncWt	9	+1		
83	78	River Merc Grd Inc	83		11.6	
29	25½	River Merc Grd Pfl	27½			
112	106	River Merc Tst Inc	108		10.6	
141	112	River Merc Sm Col	134½		4.0	
43	20	River Merc Sm Wt	33			
453	394	Robeco	435		3.2	
480	398	Rolinco	457		1.6	
117	103	Schrod Inc Gwth	109			
94	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	85	-½		
879	635½	Schrod Korea	792	+1		
298	146	Schrod Medm	289		0.3	
30	24½	Schrod Splir Cap	25½			
113	100	Schrod Split Inc	102		9.2	
128	109½	Schrod Split Zero	127½			
121	88	Schrod UK Gwth	116		2.6	
246	200	Scot	243½	-1	2.7	
171	147½	Scot American	162½		3.9	
305	216	Scot Asian	271			
815	555	Scot Wts	678			
95	74½	Scot Eastern	90½	-½	2.2	
249	206	Scot Mtge	242	-½	2.3	
97	78½	Scot Natl Tst	96½		10.3	
117	100	Scot Value	108		2.3	
1837	1483	Second Alliance	1752	-1	3.3	
93	76	Secs Tst of Scot	90		4.7	
150	124	Selective Assett	144		1.4	
142	123	SHRESCOT	138		5.2	
357	289	St Andrew Inv	353		3.0	
387	318	Temple Bar	379	-1	4.7	
114	90	Thmn Asian E	103		0.6	
61	16½	Throg Dual Cp	58			
85	68	Throgmorton	80	-½	3.6	
134	96	Tollon Emg Mkt	121	-½	0.8	
168½	139½	TR City Of Lon	166	-½	4.0	
200	159	TR Euro Growth	197½	+2	1.1	
167	127	TR Far East	162	-½	4.8	
119	90	TR Pacific	107½		0.2	
31½	26½	TR Property	26½		4.4	
208	171	TR Smlr Cos	201		2.4	
208	100	TR Tech Inv	182		1.9	
241	177	Turkey Trust	213		1.2	
246	217	USDC Invest	244		2.3	
117	93	Undervalued Act	115		1.9	
130	108	Value Inc Tst	129		4.2	
88	78	Voyageur Er Sm	81		0.8	
36	30½	Warrants & Val	33			
66	56	Wigmore	60		1.6	
262	211½	Witan	253	+1	3.1	
99	83	Yeoman Inc	84		20.4	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
60	25	Abrdn Stl H	50			
443	315	Airtours	330	+2	5.3	7.2
42	17	Ald Leis	41			
153	99	Alpha Airpt	102		5.8	10.2
35	38	Arcadian	54		1.9	
185	128	BS Group	140		2.7	19.2
168	111	Baldwin	165		3.2	13.3
235	157	Barr & Wall	207		6.6	11.0
392	202	Bluebird Toys	386	+10	2.7	12.9
475	323	Boosey Hawkes	475	-12	1.6	26.0
3½	1½	Brent Walker	1½			
46	33	Burndene	41		5.9	13.9
28½	5½	Cactus Pic	6½	-½	7.4	
349	348	Chrysalis	345			
97	70½	City Centre Rest	92	-½	2.7	17.9
449	305	Compass Gp	426		2.0	22.2
289	210	Eurocamp	232		5.7	10.3
250	116	Euro Disney	216	-1		
191	93	Euro Leisure	173	+1		
118½	62	First Choice▼	64	-1	7.1	12.5
351	262	First Leisure	350	+2	2.6	20.8
276	224½	Forte	253	-2	3.7	28.8
175	133	Friendly Hotels	146		4.9	17.1
687	476	Granada	658	-2	2.0	17.8
188	108	Groupe Chez Gert	183		1.6	21.7
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	27	1	5.9	
168	96	Hornby	160		3.9	13.8
223½	134	Jurys Hotel	215	+½	3.6	13.7
25	14½	Kunick	25	+1½	3.8	27.2
443	264	London Clubs	437	+4	3.8	14.7
187½	151	Lawtrader	163	-2	4.9	46.5
64	29	Magnolia	29		0.4	
213	132	Man Utd	210	-1	2.7	
97½	58	Mandarin Orntl	78	+4½	4.6	16.8
15½	9½	My Kinda Town	14		2.7	
91	66	Northern	87		5.7	
110	70	Pelican Gp	105		1.8	21.8
207	121	PizzaExpress	206		1.3	24.5
141	76	Prism Leisure	128		4.7	9.6
20	5½	Queens Moat	8½	+½		
285	217	Ramsdens (H)	270		2.1	31.7
464	358	Rank Org	430	-2	4.1	14.2
37	26	Ryan Hotels (E)	31		5.2	10.9
950	845	Savoy Hotel 'A'	893		1.0	46.6
89½	74½	Stakis	75½		2.7	16.7
398	314	Stanley Leisure	338		2.3	15.8
346	280	Tanjong	346		0.9	23.7
1569½	997	Thorn EMI	1469	-1	3.1	24.9
219	117	Tottenham Hot	195		1.9	6.4
83	63	Toy Options	83		3.9	12.4
241	161	VCI	237		2.3	16.2
156	124	Vardon	124	-1	1.5	15.6
650	216	Wembley	313			
135	96	Zetters Gp	124		10.1	9.7

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465	335	Abbott Mead	464		2.1	27.5
310	260	Adscene	260		3.8	14.4
38½	22	Aegis Gp	37½	+½		15.1
7½	1½	Allied Radio	4			
13	9	BBB Design	10			
285	155	Barbour Index	284		4.0	35.0
10½	4½	Birkdale	8			
345	315	Black (A&C)	335		5.2	13.0
281	174	Blenheim Gp	253	-1	5.2	15.4
233	196	Border TV	221	+7	2.7	20.7
368	335	Bristol	342		4.7	22.7
406	242	BSkyB	386	+16	0.8	43.8
150	126	CIA Gp	131½	-1	1.8	25.9
30	22	Caledonia Med	24			
481	343	Capital Radio	451	-2	2.3	23.1
1082	851	Carlton Comm	943	-7	2.9	14.6
100	83	City of Lon	91		6.9	11.9
149	81	Cordiant	97	-1		
1431½	1161½	Daily Mail	1293½		1.6	17.9
1209½	1059½	Daily Mail A	1098½	+6½	1.9	15.2
545	295	Dorling Kind	536		0.9	
565	385	EMAP	534	+10	2.3	24.3
889½	584½	Elsevier	830½	+10½	2.6	21.0
1655	1058	Euromoney Pb	1058	-2	5.1	15.0
25½	10	Flics	22½			14.8
485	335	Flextech	478			
234	143	GGT Group	229		2.9	18.5
162½	109½	GWR Gp	158		1.5	31.4
26	13	Goodhead	20		0.3	
216	130½	Grampian	203		2.8	18.7
270	132	HTV Group	269		1.3	28.7
358	255	Haynes Pub	353		4.5	13.0
50	17	Highbury Hse	26			
390	233	Hodder H'line	264		2.8	16.4
165	137	Home Counts	130		4.9	16.0
17½	6½	Incepta	7		19.2	3.2
398	248	Independent	383		2.8	14.3
348	228	Intl Bus Comm	334	+5	3.3	13.0
135	100	Inteeurope	102		10.1	
169	136	Johnston Press	158		1.6	19.1
25	15	Loper	19		3.3	18.3
318	63	MAID	318	+8		
635	528	Metal Bulletin	635			
133	109	Midland Ind	126	+2	3.4	13.2
177	120	Mirror Gp	165	-2	2.8	10.7
485	244	More O'Ferrall	460	-1	3.6	19.0
385	231	News Corp	313	-1	0.5	9.3
338	207	News Intl	294	-5	1.4	11.2
35	15	Osprey Comms	19	-1	1.3	
667	539	Pearson	627	-1	3.1	18.3
267½	155	Phonelink	158	-5		
605	523	Portsmth Sund	540		2.7	12.5
291	210	Quarto	265		3.0	13.4
1015	712	Reed Intl	977	-9	2.8	25.1
601	404	Reuters	577	-5	1.8	24.5
334	222½	Scot Radio	302		2.4	21.7
515	393	Scot TV	490		4.0	32.2
35	20½	SelecTV	31			52.6
41	32	Standwick	36½		4.5	8.5
65	33	Sleepy Kids	35			24.1
274	222	Southnews	245		2.3	17.5
98	20	Sterling Pub	29		3.2	
135	95	Surrey & Vtrs	100		5.0	8.4
45	33½	Taylor Nelson	44½		1.9	22.6
453	356	Telegraph	412	+1	3.9	17.6
885	725	Thomson Corp	815		5.4	11.5
352	301½	Trinity Intl	328	+1	4.1	12.6
958	632	Ulster TV	957		2.9	18.6
564	464	United News	535	-1	5.4	14.0
121	35	VTR	90		5.8	9.4
167	101	WPP	154	-2	1.0	21.2
625	366	Yorkshire TV	604	-3	1.5	64.6

MINING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3625	3697½	Ang Am Coal	4300		2.7	15.9
3509½	2846½	Ang Am	3818½	+69½	2.1	29.8
6487½	4375	Ang Am Gold	5165½	-6½	4.2	15.0
32	22	Anglo Pac Res	22			
40½	17	Arcon Int	21			
1800	1100	Ashanti	1135½	-9½	1.3	14.2
117	74	Ashton	94		6.2	
245	173	Bakyrchik	182			
617½	337½	Beatrix	560½	-½	3.9	25.5
34	28	Bradin	28		2.8	
117½	78½	Bracken	63½			
37	28	Broughton	27½	+1		
19	7½	Bruken	13½		6.5	
583½	245½	Buffels	249½	-½		
4	1½	Butte	2			
1076	791	CRA	991		2.9	23.1
65	40	Central Pacific	52	+5		
37	21	Cluff Res	26	-6		
173	76	Coal Inv	82	-3		
222	117	Cons Murchison	142		4.3	3.9
1817½	1262½	De Beers	1769½	+31½	3.0	19.9
108½	47	Deelkraal	68½		1.6	
69½	37½	Doornfontein	43			
397½	593½	Driefontein	697½	-½	5.7	17.4
796½	447½	Durban▲	453½	-½		
216½	122½	E Rand Gold	152½	-½	11.9	8.4
78½	27½	E Rand Prop	27½			
57½	21	Eastern Trans	27		2.5	49
430	271½	Elandsrand	330½	-½	2.7	12.1
415	315	Eng China Cl	369	-2	6.3	17.0
975½	572½	Free State Cns	686½	-½	4.5	21.7
42	21	FS Dev	29½		3.3	
2091½	1419½	GFSA	1452		2.3	
62	43	GM Kalgoorlie	51		2.7	
244½	138½	Gencor	219		1.5	33.2
152	118	Gold Fields Prop▼	152			6.8
19	12½	Greenwich R A	12½			
187½	116½	Grootvlei	120½		5.9	19.2
107½	77½	Gwelia Cons	91		1.0	19.0
625	457½	Harmony	546½	-½	1.3	16.0
286½	158½	Hartebst	190½	-½	12.5	8.9
1743½	1150	Impala Plat	1321½	+9½	2.3	19.7
132	80	Kalgoon	80	-1	15.0	7.2
1087½	478½	Kinross	568½		7.6	6.9
946½	530	Kloof	639½	-½	5.3	19.0
124½	65½	Leslie	67½		11.7	5.7
288	174½	Lorame	180½	+½		
21	12	Moetakhara	15			
113	11	MIM	90		2.6	
1825	1250	Minorco	1800		2.3	23.1
181	36	Monarch	59	+1		
110	90	Moragate	103		3.5	8.4
109	84½	NSM	95		5.3	8.5
191	133	Nth Brkn Hill	178		3.0	25.8
108	66	Pancontinent	100			
285	123	Petaling Tin	184		1.1	
182	116	Placer Pac	130			
505	317	RJB	505	+10	3.2	14.0
944	721	RTZ	905	-8	3.4	13.1
54	24	Rackwoodt	44		2.8	11.2
743½	562½	Rand Mines	757½		2.3	
727½	320½	Randfontein	348½	+½	9.7	14.7
278	175	Renison	276	+3	1.7	
1753½	1090½	Rustnbg	1116½		3.4	
77	35	St Barbara	38	-1	3.8	9.5
623½	427½	St Helena	435½	+½	12.4	6.7
335	207	Sons Gwalia	302		3.9	19.5
26	16	Silvern Pacific	24			
2016½	1353½	Southvaal	1468½	-3½	5.2	19.2
123	38½	Stillwater	39½		30.8	4.1
210½	133½	Unisel	178½	+½	6.3	13.1
5800	3359½	Vaal Reefs	3643½	+3½	4.4	8.1
19	8	Wankie Col Z	15½		8.0	3.7
1½	0½	Water Hall	1			
533	473	Watts Blake	513		3.4	17.2
2587½	1853½	Western Deep	1806½	+3½	3.3	9.4
449½	302	Western Mag	428	+½	1.3	44.1
881½	416½	Winkels	516½		7.1	10.8
48	30	Zambia Copper	30			
53	28	Zandpan	28		11.4	9.8

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
56	34	Abbot Group	51			
79½	39½	Aran Energy	76½			
56½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	46½	-½		
58	45	Arco Pet	45			
306	220	Br Borneo	289		3.2	13.5
317½	224½	British Gas	228	-½	7.9	25.0
502	392	Br Petroleum	469		3.8	13.7
3	2	Bula Resources	2½			
999	815	Burmah Castrol	984	-4	3.9	16.1
111	69½	Cairn Energy	109			
280	218	Calor Gp	237	-20	6.6	13.1
57	36	Clyde Pet	52		2.5	10.9
14	5½	Coplex Res	8½	-½		
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
22½	18	Edie Oil & Gs	22			12.3
424	329	Enterprise	338		5.9	19.1
280	230	Flogas	235		5.3	10.7
8½	5	Fortune	7½			57.2
79	62	Goal Pet	68	1	2.8	10.4
47	17	Gt Western Res	17			
198	129	Hardy O & G	185		0.7	
7½	4½	Intl Tool & Sup	6½			
228	179	JKX Oil & Gas	185			
186	132	LASMO	150		0.8	
56	38	Lasmo Units	38		27.3	
70½	58½	Monument	58½			57.2
2918½	2134½	Norsk Hydro	2565½	3½	1.7	14.2
50	27½	Oceonics	28½			
58	38	Oil Search	50			
41½	27½	Petrex	39½			
29½	22½	Premier	26½			15.9
43	11	Presidio	11			
96	43	Pittencrieff Rs	43	-1	1.5	
388	221	Ramco Egy	362	+4	0.3	50.0
453	330	Ranger	380	-5	5.3	
8143½	6863½	Royal Dtch Fl	7743½	-53½	4.6	14.5
4490½	3218½	Schlumberger	3968½	+6½	2.4	
49	29	Scott Pickford	30		3.8	6.1
116	84	Soilfield	89	+3		46.1
783½	687	Shell	729	-2	4.9	16.2
4228½	3234½	Total	3978½	+9½	3.9	14.2
14½	8½	Villers Grp	13	-½		
335	221	Woodside	307		1.2	
58	33	XCL	33			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	75	BWD	89	1	5.9	14.5
163	126	Baltic Plc	151	4	7.7	8.2
78	42	Berry Bch Nat	43		7.6	12.2
226	148	Bertec Inv	219			
159	112	Brewin Dolphin	152		4.3	15.8
685	625	Caledonia	661	-2	2.1	20.6
2400	1900	Camellia	2000		1.3	13.4
27½	13	Carlisle	16	-1	2.0	17.0
204	142	Cattles	204	-1	3.7	13.0
35	16	Craster	23	-½	4.6	2.6
17	13½	EFG	12		2.8	14.6
89	61	EFT Group	61	-1	2.8	14.6
775	707	EFM	708	-2	4.2	16.6
188	138	Exco	138		5.5	6.3
315	161	Gartmore	285	-3	2.4	24.7
379	228	Govett	230		8.0	7.8
1272	963	Henderson Ad	1248	-2	4.5	21.5
260	162½	Invesco	252	-1	2.4	17.3
49	43	Investment Co	44		6.4	
233	198	Ivory Sime	233		4.0	17.3
248½	166½	Jardine Strat	167½	-½	5.5	5.5
144	85	Johnson Fry	125		4.0	8.7
204	131	Lon Forfaiting	199		6.0	14.2
185	116	Lon Scot Bk	165		3.3	19.2
182	153	Man ED & F	161		7.5	7.5
1353	953	M & G	1285	-1	3.0	22.5
331	224	MAM	329½	-½	5.3	16.4
133	78	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	123		6.1	
966	680	MAM	888	-31	3.9	20.5
130	90	Nat Home Loan	90			3.1
1775	1150	Perpetual	1728	-2	2.6	18.7
791	515	Provident	789		4.0	17.3
330	245	Rathbone Brs	319		3.7	16.4
40	24½	Rutland Tst	38½	-½	4.2	16.8
356	281	S & U	304	+2	5.3	9.0
133	105	SJP Capital	117		3.2	
525½	305½	Save Pacific	476	-½	2.5	19.1
78	42	Towry Law	60		5.3	
371	302	Transatlantic	347		5.1	23.3
26	9	Tino Hldgs	12		1.0	19.7
26	19	Western Selecto	22		1.4	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
953	425	Brit Biotech	950	+57		
345	103	Cantab Pharms	325	+5		
485	233½	Celltech	464	+1		
325	92½	Chiroscience	294	+1		
126	31	Cortecs	112	-4		
268	103	Fisons	264		2.2	
900	567	Glaxo Wellcome	887	+16	4.2	20.3
294	162	Medeva	278	-3	1.6	17.8
719	273	Scotia	650			
675	444	SmithKline	652	+4	2.6	19.3
662	416	SmithKline Uts	629	-1	2.7	18.6
1211	840	Zeneca	1204	-4	2.9	24.5

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
142	120	AG Holdings	138		5.3	
527	377	API	527		2.2	22.9
290	219	Arjo Wiggins	228½	-2½	4.1	10.3
48	31	Ashquay Grp	44			
234	162	Aspen Comm	223		3.2	16.6
426	347	Bemrose	398		4.2	12.8
3471½	1675	Bowater Inc	2884½	+3½		
426	260	Boxmore Intl	424	+2	1.4	19.9
700	474	Br Polythene	693	-1	2.7	15.9
40	22	Br Thornton	26		9.6	8.8
160	112	Britton Grp	157	-1	2.1	16.7
218	150	Bunzl	200		3.2	13.8
187	137	Caplan Indst	168	-1	3.7	12.0
2871½	2046½	Carnaud Mb	2668½	+18½	2.1	16.1
314	237	Cropper (James)	305		1.5	15.7
1054	859	De La Rue	918	-3	3.1	16.7
80	52	Delyn Group	63		3.5	9.2
121	93	Dolphin Packt	110		5.3	13.9
100	81	Fairway Group	98		4.7	14.4
352	215	Ferguson Intl	234	-1	7.1	10.3
169	102	Feny Pick	134		5.6	12.0
206	138	Inveresk	187	+3	3.8	16.7
295	245	Jarvis Porter	282	+1	2.7	15.4
548	381	Low & Bonar	508		2.9	15.3
74	50	MY Holdings	70		3.6	
224	152½	Macfarlane	208	-2	3.0	19.7
288	190	Photobition	267		2.8	17.9
230	163	Plysu	202	-2	4.3	22.5
519	270	REXAM	406	-5	4.3	13.1
437	324	St Ives Grp	435	-1	2.4	
1329½	978	Sappi	1205½	+1½	0.4	
9½	6	Senf	6			
205	139	Sidlaw	149	-2	9.2	10.9
339	245	Smith David	281½	+2	2.9	11.2
215	162	Smurfit (Jeff)	170	-1	2.8	9.9
95	82	Sonic	84		4.5	7.2
261	213	Wace	242	+1	2.9	11.4
236	187	Waddington (J)	229		4.7	14.1
445	350	Watmough	420		2.6	17.9
186	131	Wyndeham	185		1.0	17.9

PROPERTY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	66	Allied Lont	66	-½	7.6	6.0
316	255	Argent	301			
90	66	Artesian Ests	76	-1	2.5	18.3
128	103	Asda	121		2.5	30.3
288	211	Bilton	218		5.7	15.5
215	140	Birdly	142		6.5	8.6
73	21	Bolton Gp	21			
77	41	Bourne End	46		3.2	61.2
203	171	Bradford	181		4.9	16.1
123	96	Brightstone	98		5.0	45.9
436	354	Br Land	389	+4	2.5	38.1
202	163	Brutant	168½	-½	6.3	15.6
130	81	Burford	129		1.8	34.4
101	94	CLS Hldgs	95		6.6	13.0
172	131	Cap & Regnlt	152	-3	1.9	16.4
225	167	Cap Shop Ctrs	200		4.4	23.8
228	153	Cardiff Prop	158		2.1	28.6
29½	14	Cathay Intl	14	-1		
190	143	Chelsfield	161		2.0	35.3
468	430	Chesterfield	433		3.8	18.7
88	55	Chesterton Intl	68		5.5	
53	39	City Site Ests	39	-1		9.1
8	5	Clarke Nickolls	7		3.9	9.9
107	97	Compco	101		4.1	12.7
30	19	Con Rebfst	22		3.3	24.6
1205	1165	Daejan	1170		3.4	11.3
7	3	Dares Estates	3½			
95	47	Debenham Tewn	42		10.4	7.7
183	138	Dencora	138		3.4	13.6
308	225	Derwent Hldgs▼	295	+1	2.2	15.4
195	130	Development Sect	144	+3	2.1	
46	32	Dwyer	32	-1	4.4	11.6
37	26	Eleco	36			
380	250	Estates Agency	325		5.3	
33½	14	Estates Gen	14	-½		
119	82	Evans Of Leeds	110		3.2	17.4
26	18	Ex-Lands	25½	+1	2.7	34.9
69	52	Fiscal Propt	52		4.6	16.0
26½	22½	Five Oaks	22½		3.9	
32	16	Fletcher King	17		7.4	
60	41	Folkes Group	59		3.4	7.8
59	34	Folkes Group nv	58	+1	3.4	7.7
499	406	Frogmore	432	-3	5.0	16.6
282	236	Granges	256		3.0	14.1
198	159	Gt Portland	164	-1	6.7	13.2
161	117½	Greycoat	137		0.5	
39	22	Hambro Cntyw	31		0.2	
398	310	Hammerson	330	-6	3.8	25.1
332	300	Helical Bar	322		2.6	12.4
28½	22	Hemingway	22½		3.1	15.4
21	7	Hemsg Baker	11	-1		
50	26	High-Point	26		2.4	
149½	88½	HK Land	112½	-1½	6.5	12.8
165	153	Jermyn	160	-3	2.0	
3	0½	Kendell				
645	545	Land Sec	591	-2	5.4	16.8
326	286	London Intl	288		4.3	14.2
37	30	Lon & Assoc	32		2.7	16.7
9	4½	Lon & Metro	5			
107	86	Lon Merch Sec	94		5.9	21.1
418	358	MEPC	374	+1	6.7	20.3
7½	5½	McInerney A	5½			
185	130	McKay Secs	135		4.8	17.6
80	48	Merivale Moore	75	+1	6.2	10.9
32	25	Moorfield Est	29		4.5	15.7
1250	850	Mountview	1125		3.0	8.1
151	124	Muckiow (A&J)	134		6.0	18.3
1	0½	ORB	0½			0.6
32	23	Olives Prop	25		1.5	22.4
148	125	PST	132		5.1	15.6
312	204	Peel	310		2.2	
178	145	Pillar Prop	152	-1	2.5	41.6
2½	1½	Power Corp▲	2			
6½	3½	Premier Land▲	4½			14.9
109	78	RPS Group	106	-3	3.7	13.9
34	21	Raglan	32	-1	5.7	9.5
28	18	Regalian	21	-1		17.9
163	100	Rowlinson Secs	143		2.0	11.1
102	95	Rugby Estl	95		2.8	8.3
57	40	St Modwen Prp	50	-½	4.5	7.3
68	54	Saville Grdn (J)	57		6.6	13.3
63	42	Savills	45		6.9	8.2
81	67	Scot Met	73		4.3	
121	86	Shaftesbury	121		1.5	26.4
243	189	Slough Estates	197	-2	5.1	21.0
220	185	Smart (J)	219		5.3	
55	37	Southend Prop	42		7.5	
110	103	Speyhy Shop	105		1.5	14.6
57	36	TBI	56	-½	0.4	40.1
167	135	Tops Ests	143		2.0	36.8
104	85	Town Centre	85	-4	1.9	
101	79	Trafford Park	92		4.5	
50	33	UK Land	49	-1	2.6	5.5
61	40	WSP Group	53		5.0	11.9
219	192	Warner	203		7.0	17.2
235	205	Warnford	205		4.8	17.5
79	63	Wates	68½			
35	25	Wharrey Mck	28	+1		
66	33	Wood John D	38		6.6	9.4

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	64½	ASDA Group	96½	-½	2.8	18.4
369	254½	Argyll	305		4.9	13.1
718	455	Baird Bros	674	-1	1.6	20.2
39	23	Budgen	32½		4.5	30.6
18	11½	Cullens	15½		4.0	21.8
89½	48	Dairy Farm Intl	49	+4	7.7	7.2
355	308	Farepak	308		3.1	15.0
55	38	Fitzwilton	50		5.7	21.2
115	98	Fylles	102		2.0	14.6
200	142	Geest	144	-1	7.2	56.0
1283	1048	Greggs	1155		2.6	15.9
196	142	Iceland Group	156	-1	4.2	9.4
732	519	Kwik Save	601		4.3	10.8
19½	10	Merchant Retail	16½			11.5
170	132	Morrison (W)	148		1.1	14.5
199	126	Nurdin Peack	183	5	4.8	19.5
178	83	Park Foods	96½	1½	3.7	16.6
30	7½	Rowana Hlth	14			
479½	384	Sainsbury J	390	+3	3.8	12.8
339	236	Tesco	279	1½	4.0	13.3
175	142	Thornton	143		4.8	16.4
515	358	Watson & Philip	490	-4	4.0	17.2

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
69	21	Alexon	61			
244	167	Alders	183	+2	4.7	10.2
525½	324	Argos Plc	524	+1	2.8	22.1
178	63	Ashley (Laura)	127			
247	54	Asprey	246			
225	182½	Austin Reed	185	-1	0.6	33.8
146	123	Beattie (J) A	132		4.1	10.7
124	100	Beatties	102		6.2	14.4
67	38	Bettermans	66½	+1½	5.0	37.7
51	30	Blacks Leis	51	+3	5.6	25.9
194	107	Body Shop	149	+5	3.2	8.8
596	465	Boots	547	+3	4.0	14.9
54	18	Brown & Jackson	22			
271	205	Brown (N)	270	-1	2.4	20.4
113½	66	Button	103	+2½	2.4	27.0
150	90	Caravan	97		3.9	16.8
375	235	Carpetright	350	-1	2.8	20.9
219	132	Charlies Inc	208		1.4	35.3
480	395	Church	395		4.4	16.7
106	61	Clinton Cards	102		6.0	12.8
140	84	Cty Casuals	140		4.8	
813	708	Courts Furnish	780		1.1	21.6
270	183	Crown Eyc	195		6.7	8.0
253	233	DFS Furniture	246		3.0	
400	196	Dixons Grp	393½	+6	2.7	33.8
580	580	Dyo (Waldo)	580		3.5	36.9
10½	5½	HHA Gp	9½			15.1
181	77	Essex Furn	112		4.9	
256	137	Flare	165		4.7	
468	290	Fine Art Dev	388	1	3.9	11.9
66	47	Fent Faits	66		1.9	
140½	81	Flying Flowers	137		1.5	
295	193	French Conn	182			11.3
269½	195½	Frost Group	219		3.2	18.9
75	56	Gent T	73		3.4	16.7
203	112	Goldsmiths Gpt	196		2.2	17.8
640	408	GUS	574	+8	3.3	15.6
320	179	Hamleys	330	+7	3.0	18.3
73	25	Hampton Grpt	70		2.7	13.5
175	135	Hse of Fraser	149½	-2½	4.6	19.9
93	60	Hughes (TJ)	60		5.5	13.3
168	95	Innovations	146		1.3	72.3
470	339	JJB Sports	463	-1	1.8	24.2
314	379	Kingfisher	475	+5	4.0	15.8
139	101	Kingsbury Grpt	138		2.2	28.0
365	208	Liberty	336		2.7	31.5
315	194	Lloyds Chemist	231	-1	5.5	8.7
147½	108	MFI	139½		3.8	18.3
451	371	Marks Spencer	411	+4	3.2	17.6
645	500	Menzies (John)	624	+1	2.6	14.6
579	338	Moss Bros	579	+4	3.0	16.6
417	252	Next	411	+½	3.1	21.9
54	37	OEM	45			
98	34	Olver (G)	41	+1	3.0	45.7
325	245	Owliane Intl	323	+5	4.3	12.9
93	71	Partridge Fine	73		5.7	10.1
155	63	QS Hldgs	66		10.0	17.0
13½	5½	Rhino Grp▲	13½			
173	113	Ratners	172		3.6	10.9
120½	95½	Sears	104	-½	4.7	16.5
24	11½	Signet Group	14			
484	321	Smith WH	389	+5	5.8	13.7
950	638	Sotheby's	928	-5	2.5	43.6
312	209	Storehouse	287	-1½	2.2	19.3
140	112	Stylo	123		4.7	18.5
203	143	T & S Stores	185	+1	4.5	17.7
162	98	Tie Rack	162		2.1	16.9
4½	1	Upton & South	3½			
598	424	Vendome	565	+1	2.1	
35	13	WEW Group	17	+3	5.3	
67	36	Wid of Leather	53		3.5	64.1
191	155	Wyevale	179		3.6	15.9

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
566	488	Allied Domecq	493		6.1	18.4
499½	390	Bulmer (HP)	498		3.0	16.6
137	99	Burn Stewart	132	+2	4.7	28.4
461½	352	Grand Met	428	-5	4.2	19.7
536	404	Guinness	489	-20	3.6	15.2
445	337	Highland Dist	353		2.8	15.7
217	175	Macallan-Glenl	204		0.8	45.2
710	600	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	640		2.1	23.4
672	532	Matthew Clark	641		4.1	
140	61	Mrydwn W	129	-3	1.0	
345	129	Taunton Cider	345	-6	3.6	23.9

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
945	620	ADT	888	-5		
41	22	Alphameric	26	+1	1.2	19.5
74	32	Auto Sec	32			6.7
145	101½	BET Ord	131	-½	4.1	13.0
178	130	BMB Rest	132		5.4	10.4
293	220	BPP	287		4.4	16.6
199	131	BGM	156		5.3	11.8
6½	0½	Black & Edg	6½	+½		
1100	500	Borland	887½			
215	105	Brit Data Mgt	140		4.8	32.1
89	59	Brooks Service	80		3.9	17.7
120	75	CRT Grp	120		3.9	19.0
255	138	Capita Group	254		1.7	25.5
100	19½	Cardinal Bus	22	+1		
359	277	Chubb Sec	333	+1	2.7	17.6
94	58½	Corp Services	85		4.4	14.5
61	48	Coutts Cnsltg	54		3.9	
102	65	DCS Grp	100		1.9	28.1
256	204	Davis Service	227	-1	4.8	13.4
358	223	Delphi	323		1.4	40.0
107	66	Dudley Jenkins	97		4.4	14.9
94	28	EW Fact	49	-1	7.6	6.8
166	118	El Data Prc	166	+2	1.5	17.2
373½	280	Hays	373½	+6½	2.3	
218	145	Hogg Robinson	200		4.8	12.7
2031½	1358½	ISS B DK	1358½		2.0	11.3
385	152	JBA Hldgs	384		1.1	40.3
279	222	Johnson Clean	222		6.1	12.5
111	80	Kalamazoo	93		5.0	7.9
345	239	Kewill Sys	330		2.5	11.8
27	11	Laser-Scan	19			
387	77	LBMS	376			
503	301	Logica	481	-1	1.6	32.4
107	49	MDIS	72	-3	8.9	15.8
226	180	MMT Comp	208	-12	3.8	
128	54	MR Data Mngt	66	-3	6.8	46.9
478	368	Macro 4	413	-5	6.7	11.2
2140½	1563½	Manpower	1868½	+3½	0.4	
840	553	Micro Focus	560			
179	102	Microgen	164	+2	5.6	14.1
635	305	Misys	578	-5	2.0	16.4
287	197	MITIE Gp	287		1.3	23.6
36	22	Novo Group	31		3.6	10.0
25	15	OIS Intl	16		2.3	
32	18	Oxbs	32	+2	2.1	17.7
163	74	P & P	152	-3	2.3	15.4
175	110	Michael Paget	170		2.4	19.0
168	106	Pantel	160	-1	1.6	19.6
245	138	Pegasus	240	-5	2.8	17.3
110	75	Penna	78		1.6	
73	27	Proudfoot	28		8.9	
305	200	RCO	206		9.7	8.2
60½	33	Radius	53		2.7	14.7
202	150	Real Time	175		3.2	8.7
144	101	Reed Executive	101		2.5	11.6
235	142	Reliance Sec	213	-8	1.4	20.1
335½	212½	Rentokil	311	-1½	1.5	24.0
163	135	Ricardo Group	148		5.3	16.4
293	158	Rolfe & Nolan	262	+4	1.9	39.1
287½	132½	Sage Gp	270		1.0	22.3
291	229	Salvesen (C)	239	-3	4.4	12.2
136	79	Sanderson Elec	125	-1	3.1	16.2
17½	11½	Select App	18			28.3
510	380	Serco Gp	506	+2	1.1	24.1
378	238	Serco Grp	377		1.4	29.6
189	80	Shered Cmpt	167		1.7	
143	83	Sketchley	132		3.2	18.3
22½	11	Standard Plat	16			
230	167	Stat-Plus	206		6.0	18.9
609	116	Unipalm	574	+10		
21½	11½	Vidiec	20	-1	2.5	78.5
295	245	Warner Howrd	270		3.7	12.9

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
415½	361½	BT	363	-3	6.1	13.4
449	350½	Cable Wireless	427	-1	2.6	19.0
208	165½	General Cable	189	+6		
147	116½	NYNEX Cable	129	+4		
1765	1475	Securicor	1773		0.3	37.5
1130	900	Securicor 'A'	1073		0.4	32.2
1058	728	Security Serv	985		0.9	34.9
195	147	TeleWest	174	+5½		
285½	177½	Vodafone	266	-8	1.6	34.1

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	50	Albion	50		6.0	2.7
173	115	Alendra Wt	167	+1	4.6	17.4
259	213	Allied Text	213		4.0	12.5
111	72	Atkins	109		9.3	20.1
34	25	Automagic▲	26			6.6
246	187	Baird (Wm)	191	-1	6.2	13.3
60	36	Beckman (A)	59		5.3	
288	229	Black (Peter)	278	-1	2.3	17.8
159	111	Bridport-Gndry	155	+2	2.5	18.2
213	174	Br Mohair	175		6.4	10.9
28	14	Campari	27			
185	75	Chamb Phipps	75	-3	13.3	3.5
342	282	Claremont Gar	283	-3	4.2	13.6
221	166	Coats Viyella	179	-2	6.2	11.7
512	390	Courtauld Text	395	+1	4.8	11.4
136	113	Dallvem	125		6.0	8.9
129	97½	Dawson	119		5.2	
194	129½	Dewhirst (IJ)	171	-6	2.2	18.4
41	30	Drake Heal	32½		5.4	8.2
38	25	Drummond	28		3.3	8.9
26	13	Elbiel	14			
68	37	Faupel	37		16.6	5.9
470	260	Filt	440		4.2	
151	146	Forminster	150		2.8	11.6
21	15	Foster (John)	16			
95	69	French	69	-2	6.6	14.1
103	72	Gent SR	88		3.6	8.0
138	85	Haggast	128	+1	2.9	
18½	7½	Hartstone	13½		3.0	41.9
27	15	Helene Pic	15		14.9	6.8
281	213	Hicking Pntcst	280		2.5	18.5
26	18½	Hollas	18½	-½	3.8	
71	29	Honeysuckle	36		7.8	
133	80	Horace Small	88½	+½		7.1
218	181	Jacques Vert	181	-2	4.7	8.3
79	56	Jerome (C)	71		3.1	7.1
455	327	Jones Stroud	418	+3	3.0	15.5
157	118	Lambert	140	+1	6.3	10.8
357	215	Lamont	218		7.3	8.6
306	241	Leeds	252		3.2	13.0
73	55	Leslie Wise Gp	55		9.7	9.1
84	59	Lyles (S)	61		5.1	6.8
29½	23½	Marling	27		3.0	14.1
10	4½	PEX	7			
210	135	Parkland	181	-6	3.8	7.8
147	102	Pentland	115	-1	3.5	16.6
73	41	Pittards	45		3.5	
74½	58½	Readicut	66		6.5	14.1
81	61	Rexmore	69½		6.1	7.3
56	41	Richards	41		6.1	15.3
78	50	SEET	65			
124	75	Sherwood Grp	116		3.6	14.0
142	92	Shiloh	106		4.5	6.9
107	90	Sirdar	91		7.5	24.5
58	46	Stirling Gp	48		5.3	10.5
21	13	Strong & Fisher	19		7.9	18.1
40	18	UK Safety	19		15.5	23.6
184	114	Usher (Frank)	178		7.8	9.0
143	96	Wensum	102		5.4	10.8
325	244	Yorklyde	325	+5	2.9	11.4

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	61	Air London	98	+4	5.1	
768½	596	All Nippon Air	608½	-5½	0.3	
300	262	Assoc Br Ports	297	-2	2.7	17.8
546	414	BAA	499		2.5	17.8
480½	348	Br Airways	476	+10	3.4	11.7
51	21	Central Tran R	21	-1		
173	93	Clarkson (H)	107	-1	2.5	12.5
193	153	Clydeport	170		2.8	15.2
183	142	Dart	183		3.1	13.8
324	76½	Eurotunnel Uts	94	+1		
154	131	FirstBus	140		4.0	
156	50	Fisher (James)	80		2.3	18.7
625	403½	Forth Ports▼	605		2.3	20.2
295	166	Go-Ahead	293		2.5	10.9
273	193	Goode Durrant	278	+3	3.8	11.7
139	100	IoM Steam	118	-3	5.0	26.5
548	393	Irish Cont	478		1.9	11.9
70	52	Jacobs	65½	-½	2.0	
107	67	Lon O'Seas Frts	83	-1	0.6	17.2
485	358	Mersey Docks	443		3.1	16.8
189	142½	NFC	154		5.8	19.8
422	289	Natl Express	393	-3	2.9	15.5
381	261	Ocean Group	368	-2	4.9	22.6
94	68	Ocean Wilson	90		5.3	3.5
637	459	P & O Dfd	493	-3	7.7	13.1
197	167	P & O 5.5%	188	+1	3.7	
83	55	Seacon	67		4.2	38.1
231	158	Sensall	228		2.1	31.3
269	176	Stagecoach	256	+1	2.0	18.8
110	79	TNT	93			
213	418	Tibbet & Britten	442	-1	4.8	14.5
241	184	TDG	193½		6.1	12.8
129	76	Unifeed	78		5.9	12.9
113	77	Utd Carriers	83	+2	7.4	15.7

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
603	443	Anglian	578	+13	5.9	8.7
366	294	Mid Kent Hdgs	358		4.4	9.7
641	467½	North West▼	581	+10	5.5	8.1
1075	676	Northumbrian	1074	+68	3.3	8.3
669	475	Severn Trent	648	+24	5.6	8.0
2295	1855	South Staffs	2285	+5	3.7	13.3
555	459	South West	503	+7	8.8	7.9
731	517	Southern	680	+18	4.8	8.8
569	366	Thames	536	+20	6.1	7.1
800	597½	Welsh	754	+13	6.7	9.6
1057½	1007½	Welsh Cm Pf	1049½			
361	256½	Wessex	330	+12	5.8	8.2
677½	472	Yorkshire	628	+26	6.5	10.8

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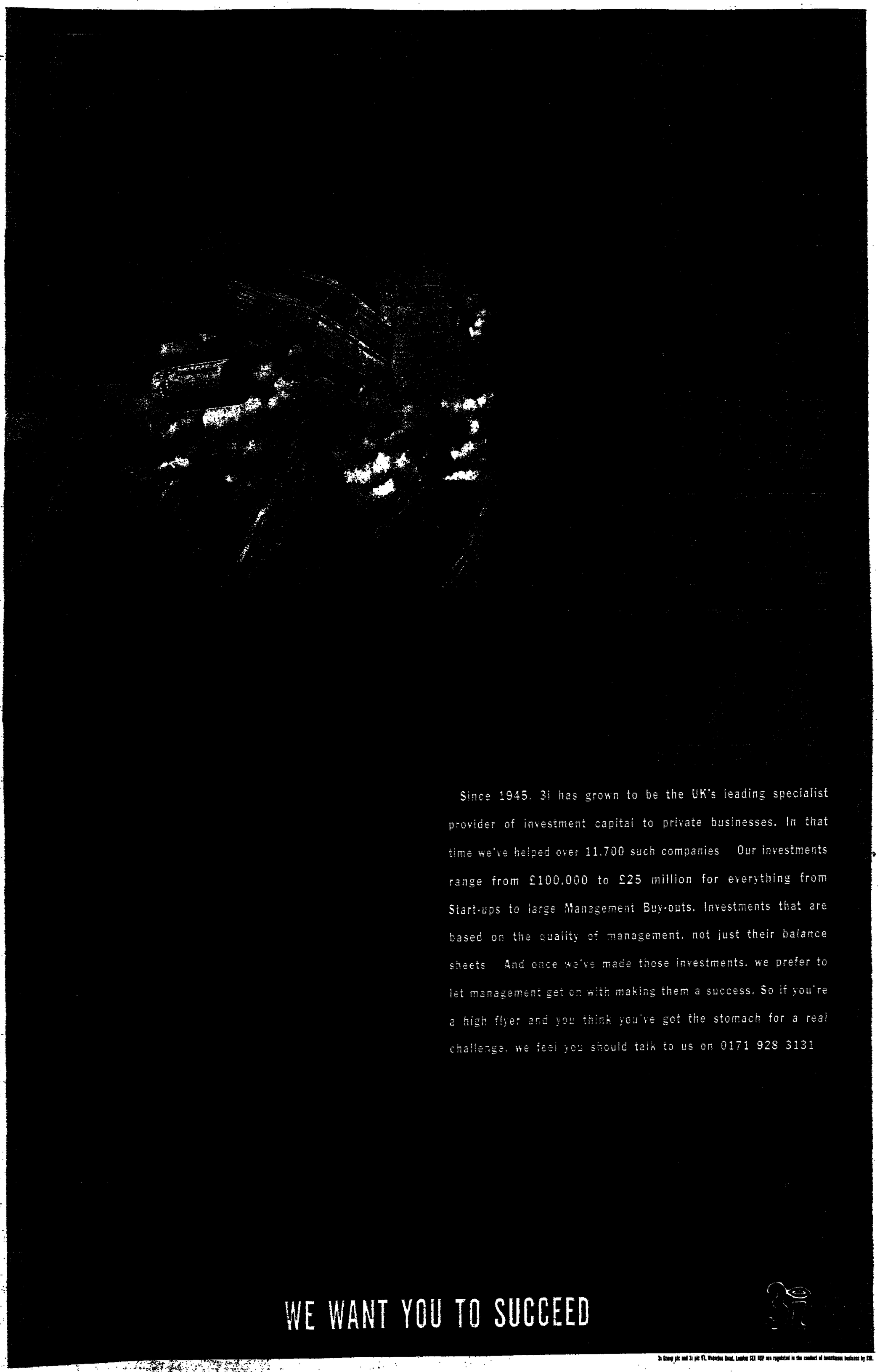
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BRITISH FUNDS

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
106½	101½	Treas 14% 1996	101½	-½	13.81	6.51
109½	104½	Treas 15¼% 1996	104½	-½	14.64	6.44
107½	102½	Exch 13¼% 1996	103½		12.80	6.38
104½	103½	Conv 10% 1996	103½		9.66	6.39
100½	97½	Treas 7% 1997	100½		6.96	6.59
109½	107½	Treas 13¼% 1997	107½		12.31	6.45
105½	104½	Exch 10½% 1997	104½	-½	10.02	6.49
103½	100½	Treas 8¾% 1997	103½		8.45	6.63
117½	114½	Exch 15% 1997	115½		13.04	6.68
107½	102½	Exch 9¾% 1998	105½		9.21	6.77
101½	96½	Treas 7¼% 1998	100½		7.19	6.85
99½	94½	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	97½		6.78	6.96
117½	114½	Treas 15½% 1998	116½	-½	12.06	6.94
124½	120½	Treas 15½% 1998	121½	-½	12.72	6.38
114½	109½	Exch 12% 1998	113½	-½	10.80	7.06
107½	100½	Treas 9½% 1999	106½	-½	8.90	7.05
115½	111½	Exch 12¼% 1999	115½		10.64	7.12
110½	105½	Treas 10½% 1999	110½	-½	9.51	7.14
96½	89½	Treas 6% 1999	96½	-½	6.24	7.15
110½	105½	Conv 10¼% 1999	110½	-½	9.29	7.24
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
106½	100½	Conv 9% 2000	106½	-½	8.47	7.26
103½	97½	Treas 8% 2000	102½	-½	7.77	7.29
123½	117	Treas 13% 2000	121½	-½	10.68	7.35
111½	104½	Treas 10% 2001	111	-½	9.01	7.42
97½	90½	Treas 7% 2001	97½	-½	7.16	7.47
111½	102½	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	-½	8.78	7.62
102½	96½	Treas 8% 2002	101½	-½	7.87	7.65
113½	104½	Treas 10% 2003	112½	-½	8.86	7.75
113	110½	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	112½	-½	9.97	7.56
87½	79½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79½	+½	4.38	6.55
111½	103½	Conv 9½% 2004	110½	-½	8.61	7.82
97½	89½	Treas 6¾% 2004	97½	-½	7.26	7.80
105½	97½	Treas 8½% 2005	104½	-½	8.15	7.86
111½	103½	Conv 9½% 2005	110½	-½	8.61	7.90
128½	119½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127½	-½	9.83	7.85
99½	92½	Treas 7¾% 2006	98½	-½	7.87	7.94
101½	93½	Treas 8% 2002-06	100½	-½	7.93	7.90
123½	113½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121½	-½	9.67	7.78
105½	97½	Treas 8½% 2007	103½	-½	8.19	7.96
135½	126½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134½	-½	10.07	7.85
110½	101½	Treas 9% 2008	108½		8.32	7.08
102½	94	Treas 8% 2009	99½	-½	8.01	8.01
LONGS (over 15 years)						
86½	79½	Treas 6¼% 2010	84½	-½	7.41	8.04
111½	101½	Conv 9% 2011	108½	-½	8.33	8.05
111½	102½	Treas 9% 2012	108½	-½	8.31	8.05
80½	72½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	79½	-½	6.95	7.73
102½	93½	Treas 8% 2013	99½	-½	8.05	8.04
99½	91½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	97½	-½	7.98	8.04
110½	100½	Treas 8¾% 2017	107½	-½	8.30	8.06
139½	127½	Exch 12% 2013-17	136½	-½	8.81	8.11
UNDATED						
45½	40½	War Ln 3½%	43½	+½	8.09	
31½	28½	Treas 2½%	30½	+½	8.15	
49½	45½	Consols 4%	48½	+½	8.25	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
213½	201½	Treas IL 2% 1996	213½	+½	0.33	3.21
117½	109½	Treas IL 4½% 1998	117½	+½	2.02	3.12
177½	165½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	176½	+½	3.01	3.56
177½	161½	Treas IL 2½% 2003	173½	+½	3.21	3.60
115½	108½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114½	+½	3.21	3.57
183½	169½	Treas IL 2% 2006	181½	+½	3.32	3.58
165½	152½	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164½	+½	3.38	3.60
171½	157½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170½	+½	3.41	3.61
141½	129½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140½	+½	3.44	3.62
150½	137½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	149½	+½	3.46	3.64
132½	121½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131½	+½	3.55	3.67
120½	109½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	119½	+½	3.57	3.65
119½	108½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	118½	+½	3.57	3.65

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

AB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
01895 256 763

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gartland Amer	186.00	195.80†	+ 0.40	0.20
Gartland Equity	266.70	277.30	+ 0.50	2.19
Gartland Euro	228.40	242.70	– 0.30	1.31
Gartland Eqty Bd	120.40	124.60		1.06
Gartland Gth	74.76	77.10	+ 0.16	5.25
Gartland Japan	161.89	171.20‡		

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
01635 553 231

General Acc	585.00	633.00†	+ 3.40	2.89
General Inc	511.20	543.90†	+ 3.00	2.89
UK Growth Acc	403.90	429.70†	+ 2.50	2.91
UK Growth Inc	362.70	385.30†	+ 1.70	2.91
Higher Inc Acc	748.80	796.30†	+ 8.50	4.14
Higher Inc Inc	416.30	443.00†	+ 4.70	4.14
GiltsyFixd Int Acc	207.20	212.40	+ 0.50	5.88
GiltsyFixd Int Inc	92.50	97.70	+ 0.23	5.88
5th Anniv Acc	327.30	348.30†	+ 2.40	
Europe	308.20	327.30†	– 0.30	0.94
Int Excel	88.79	95.85‡	+ 0.59	3.01
Int Fidelity Acc	103.70	110.80†	+ 0.70	4.75
Int Fidelity Inc	76.66	81.77	+ 0.46	4.75
Global Opps	91.75	97.61‡	+ 0.05	0.31
Balanced Acc	58.40	62.13†	+ 0.27	2.59
Balanced Inc	55.89	59.48†	+ 0.26	2.89
Japan Acc	43.32	46.09†	– 0.02	
Pac Basin Acc	365.10	388.50†	– 1.30	0.97

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	130.10	138.00	+ 0.50	7.25
High Inc Equity	172.10	185.10†	+ 0.70	4.25
Worldwide Bond	263.30	300.30†	+ 0.80	4.65
Capital Growth				
American Growth	330.10	353.00	– 1.30	0.36
Asian Pacific	299.00	319.80	– 0.20	
Assets & Earnings	283.60	301.90†	– 0.40	2.83
Cyclicity & Energy	106.30	113.70		0.11
Euro Capital Inc	146.10	155.20	– 1.40	0.63
-do- Accum	155.60	166.40	– 1.50	0.62
General	256.30	272.70	+ 1.10	3.05
Japan	173.40	185.50	+ 0.40	
Recaptured	147.40	157.60		1.50
US Emerging Cos	173.60	184.70	+ 0.30	
Ethical	71.61	76.18	+ 0.16	0.71
International	120.80	127.50	+ 0.20	0.71
Dividend & Growth	64.94	68.08	+ 0.20	4.07
Global Gwth & Sec	69.68	74.40	– 0.09	2.85

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733

UK Small Cos	1951.00	2027.00		

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0800 833 388

Amer Inc & Growth	51.95	53.95‡	– 0.08	0.57
Cash	50.42	50.42	+ 0.01	5.86
Emerging Mkts	63.54	67.35	– 0.47	0.05
European	126.20	132.00		0.69
Income	1000.70	1062.00†	– 2.30	1.72
Extra Income #	48.72	52.09	+ 0.13	6.53
Far East Emg Eco	113.76	120.80	– 0.30	0.52
Fixed Interest #	22.86	24.03‡	+ 0.01	9.78
Fund Inv Tst	163.10	171.80†	+ 0.10	9.07
Japan	178.10	186.70	– 0.40	
Latin American	44.98	47.21	– 0.25	1.03
Pacific	76.45	80.86	– 0.21	0.32
Property Shrs	69.95	73.59	– 0.07	2.77
UK Emerging Cos	68.29	72.81		1.70
UK Growth	47.53	50.35‡	+ 0.18	2.33
Abtr World Port #	76.23	77.67‡	+ 0.10	2.11
Ethical	70.51	74.91	+ 0.17	2.39
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.71	50.71	+ 0.08	7.40

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0131 549 1222

Select Portfolio	91.10	96.91†	– 1.57	

AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0171 256 5858

Reddl Property	97.41	103.90		5.28

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
01452 305 958

Amely Income	79.95	84.83	+ 0.19	2.42
Income Builder Inc	74.57	79.33	+ 0.54	2.74

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
IFA dlg: 01753 810 366 Client dlg: 01753 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	250.60	267.80†	+ 0.70	2.91
Capital	444.80	475.40†	+ 0.70	2.91
Balanced	743.00	794.20	+ 2.00	2.50
Accumulator	1394.00	1490.00†	+ 4.00	2.72
Income Trusts				
American Income	53.48	57.17	– 0.22	3.11
High Income	414.30	442.80	+ 1.50	3.49
Equity Income	233.40	249.50	+ 1.00	3.34
High Yield	251.00	268.30†	+ 0.70	3.23
Gen Securities	33.40	35.57‡	+ 0.12	5.86
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	176.40	188.50†	– 0.10	0.37
European Growth	42.38	45.19	+ 0.17	0.01
International	168.90	181.60	+ 0.30	0.18
Japan	187.70	199.80	+ 0.10	0.01
Pacific	376.10	402.80	+ 0.60	0.05
Secs of America	502.50	535.30†	– 1.20	0.43
Wrlwde Assoc Vst	50.05	53.50		0.22
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	562.20	600.90	+ 2.10	2.12
Conv & Gtd	44.17	47.21	+ 0.02	4.91
Smaller Cos	187.80	200.70‡		1.11
2nd Smaller Cos	177.70	189.90		1.28
Recovery	148.80	159.00‡	+ 0.30	1.65
Mid Mkt & Cnty	158.10	170.00†	+ 0.60	0.70
Ethical Growth	377.80	403.80	+ 0.90	1.57
Technology	209.40	223.70‡	– 0.90	0.01
UK Special Sits	509.70	544.80‡	+ 1.60	1.59

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01293 526 911

Cheriot Out Pens	107.20	111.30		3.04
Fawcdn Pens Pens	64.90	67.42		1.44

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 990 0033

Capital	73.59	78.29	+ 0.55	1.86
International	63.64	67.70		

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242

America	285.00	305.90†	+ 1.20	
Bond	116.90	122.70‡	+ 0.40	6.83
Brit Smlr Cos	169.60	116.60	+ 0.10	1.70
Comr & Gen #	68.28	72.54‡	+ 0.23	5.40
Europe	230.30	244.80†	– 0.50	0.65
Euro Smlr Cos	104.00	110.50†	– 0.20	0.63
Income Gwth	368.30	392.90†	+ 2.00	3.93
Japan	307.40	326.90†	+ 0.90	
Latin American	82.85	88.05	– 1.25	
Pacific	169.10	179.70	+ 0.10	1.29
Uk Smlr Cos	58.19	61.80	+ 0.10	1.29
Japan Fd	655.90	676.30	+ 1.70	
Mngd Fd	185.60	197.30†	+ 0.70	3.02

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 488 8673

Brit & Overs	321.10	338.00	– 2.00	0.85
Capital Gwth	118.40	124.60	+ 0.60	2.63
Wrldw Oppc	198.70	209.20	+ 2.30	0.96

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
0181 534 5644

Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	371.00	396.40†	+ 0.50	2.78
European Bd Inc	98.64	96.95	+ 0.05	6.91
Exempt	74.88	79.98†	+ 0.11	4.25
Financial	88.42	94.57	– 0.02	2.51
500	482.70	500.20	– 0.30	2.54
General	285.60	305.30†	– 0.10	2.68
Property	243.30	261.10		6.56
Treasur	202.10	215.50	+ 0.50	2.34
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†		5
Extra Income #	124.90	133.50†	+ 0.40	5.04
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.25	60.20	+ 0.17	8.29
Income	548.70	586.60	+ 0.50	3.87
Income Builder #	64.97	69.31	+ 0.10	5.66
Intl Income	65.46	69.64	+ 0.10	3.27
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	126.10	134.50	– 0.30	2.36
Leisure	143.00	152.90	+ 0.40	1.06
Recovery	436.40	466.60	– 0.40	2.72
Smlr Cos Inc	42.36	50.79	– 0.03	2.26
Special Sits	324.60	348.50	+ 1.30	1.49
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	151.30	161.80†	– 0.20	0.29
Aust Acc	255.80	274.70	+ 0.30	2.17
Aust Inc	186.10	197.50	+ 0.10	2.17
Euro Gwth Inc	161.40	171.40	+ 1.30	0.77
-do- Accum	174.20	185.10	– 1.40	0.77
Japan & Gen Inc	154.60	163.70	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	156.40	165.80	+ 0.10	
Japan Spec Sits	71.42	75.86	+ 0.02	1.41
Univ Tech Inc	90.18	96.07	– 0.22	
Worldwide	174.70	185.40	– 0.40	0.68

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 214 1004

American Growth	110.90	117.30	– 0.10	
Amer Smlr Cos	158.60	170.00	– 0.10	
Convertibles	52.79	56.25	+ 0.01	5.70
Eastern	275.70	298.10	+ 0.70	0.30
Equity Income	87.01	93.28†	+ 0.44	4.10
European Growth	329.00	338.50	+ 1.70	0.80
Europe	265.40	281.80	+ 0.60	0.26
German Growth	79.22	83.92	+ 0.23	0.52
Global Bond	68.74	70.34	+ 0.23	6.50
Global Growth	135.00	143.70		
Japan Growth	194.00	206.40	– 0.80	
Japan Smlr Cos	145.90	154.80	– 1.40	
Korea Trust	79.52	87.15	– 0.32	
Portfolio	134.80	144.30	+ 0.40	2.30
-do- Accum	251.00	268.60	+ 0.70	2.30
UK Growth	85.53	91.57	+ 0.31	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	81.99	88.36‡	– 0.09	2.50
Select Managers	79.80	85.29	+ 0.09	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3000

Intl Gwth Port Inc	81.88	87.66	+ 1.24	
Special Opport Inc	95.96	99.55	+ 0.50	..

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
0141 223 6000

Balanced Growth	117.97	124.84†	+ 0.11	1.54
-do- Accum	134.98	142.84	+ 0.13	1.54
Smaller Cos	118.19	126.97†	– 0.07	0.79
Higher Yield #	46.86	51.71†	+ 0.08	4.30
American Blk Inc	83.01	87.84	– 0.25	..
European Growth	148.43	157.06	– 0.23	0.65
-do- Accum	151.35	160.16	– 0.23	0.62
Global Bond Inc #	27.49	28.46	+ 0.04	7.17
Mngd Profile Inc	45.53	48.16†	+ 0.01	1.46
-do- Accum	45.70	48.48	+ 0.01	1.46
Inf Spec Opps	131.91	139.56	+ 0.42	
Pacific Grth	129.53	137.06	– 0.35	0.38
UK Growth #	82.02	86.76	+ 0.14	3.17
-do- Accum #	85.43	90.49	+ 0.14	3.17
Japan	56.72	60.03	+ 0.12	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	89.96	103.69	+ 0.29	8.99

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 480 7219

Burrage Unit Gt	88.70	97.56	+ 0.18	6.30

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 6060

Evolution	167.60	178.40	+ 0.10	1.71
Uk Growth	182.40	194.10	+ 0.30	2.19
Uk Income	137.40	146.20†	+ 0.20	4.45

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01737 822 160

Corr Gen Dist	288.80	221.36	+ 1.33	1.79
-do- Income Dist	113.00	119.80†	+ 0.80	4.17
-do- Accum	356.80	377.20	+ 2.50	4.17
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.19	43.66	+ 0.14	8.29
Growth Units	220.30	235.80	+ 0.40	2.15
Bond	173.50	182.70	+ 0.40	5.44
Intl Growth	220.80	234.80	– 0.40	0.46
North American	217.50	231.70	+ 0.10	0.33
Far East	376.50	395.70	– 0.30	1.11
UK Smaller Cos	183.40	206.80	– 0.40	1.56
European	86.84	92.34	– 0.46	0.71
Japanese Growth	43.89	46.42	+ 0.15	
High Income	168.10	211.90†	+ 0.50	4.07

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7438 Exp 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455

American & Gen	178.30	189.50†	+ 0.10	..
European Inc	93.85	98.84	+ 0.38	1.16
Smaller Cos (4-11)	91.55	97.40	– 0.17	1.56
Growth	455.00	495.40	– 0.90	1.80
Income & Growth #	426.30	456.70	+ 2.50	3.94
-do- Accum #	623.60	663.70	+ 3.70	3.94
Japan & Gen	53.74	57.66	– 0.26	..
Master Portfolio	£106.47	£110.01†	+£4.00	2.36
-do- Accum	£129.10	£133.39	+£4.00	2.36
Special Sits	109.69	116.60	+ 0.40	1.97
High Yield	£13.74	£14.17‡	+ 7.00	4.45

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0700

Cazenove Portfolio	90.64	97.90	+ 0.08	2.84
American Portfolio	105.09	111.58	– 0.32	0.59
European Portfolio	108.62	117.04‡	+ 0.28	0.57
High Income	50.78	90.52‡	+ 0.11	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	63.69	67.73		
Pacific Portfolio	139.19	149.67	+ 0.05	1.49
UK Inc & Growth	83.33	89.35‡	+ 0.16	3.04
Utility & Bond	56.49	57.59	+ 0.12	6.72

CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG
0171 588 1815

Inv Fund	707.16	717.66		4.49
Fxd Int Sec	154.14	154.76		5.30

CDF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

Investment Inc	684.69	705.19		4.52
Investment Acc	538.59	537.95		
Fixed Int Inc	125.25	125.75		9.15
Fixed Int Acc	208.41	209.25		

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
0171 837 7997

Int Growth	117.35	139.72		8.53
UK Income	116.56	120.00		

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5995

Beckenham Intl	87.24	92.12‡		2.84
Beck Bio-Tech	36.54	40.15		
Accm Ethical Tst	157.54	166.43		0.75
City Fin Assets	73.08	76.74‡		2.12
City Fin America	94.25	98.97		
City Fin Intl	92.27	96.39‡		1.38
City Fin Japan	138.98	145.75		
Fidas Inc Cap	278.68	291.55		2.43
Fidas Inc Inc	290.56	296.62‡		4.91
Pacific Portfolio	139.19	149.67	+ 0.05	1.49
Fulcrum Cap Cls	136.37	145.05‡		
Fulcrum Intl	148.74	154.46‡		
J Sfd Inc/Gth Inc	55.44	58.22		2.01

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Advstn: 01277 227 300

Emerging Markets	54.18	57.49	– 0.17	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

American Gwth	73.54	78.65	+ 0.05	
Miss Managd Gwth	38.83	42.06	– 0.10	0.53
Dragon Growth	65.47	70.02	– 0.35	1.00
Equity High Inc	85.93	92.05	+ 0.85	4.12
-do- Accum	119.32	127.80	+ 1.18	4.12
Extra Income Inc	26.22	27.61‡	+ 0.08	7.52
Extra Income Acc	27.28	28.73	+ 0.09	7.52
European Gwth	55.45	58.99	+ 0.03	1.29
Evergreen	26.90	28.86	– 0.10	
Exempt Equity	90.30	95.81	+ 0.03	3.67
Japan Growth	47.26	50.95	– 0.07	
Pedigree Gwth	54.83	58.80	+ 0.26	2.80
Ped Sm Cos Inc	32.75	34.41‡	+ 0.03	1.72
-do- Accum	34.07	36.04	+ 0.04	1.72
Retirement Inc #	35.46	38.15	+ 0.23	5.86
Special Sits	41.22	43.85	+ 0.27	2.23
UK & Overseas	52.16	55.49	+ 0.04	1.11

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
01634 838 000

Capital	72.76	75.70	+ 0.42	2.01
Balanced	63.77	66.33	+ 0.32	4.24

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	165.09	175.63†	+ 0.78	4.86
Fixed & Convertible	39.54	42.06†	+ 0.01	6.91
Monthly Inc Plus	49.56	51.86	+ 0.12	6.97
Preference Share	45.54	48.45†	– 0.07	8.05
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.69	133.71†	+ 0.91	6.06
Managed Fund	70.86	75.40†	+ 0.27	3.12
Uk Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	41.86	44.55	– 1.60	1.82
-do- Accum	48.74	51.85	– 1.77	1.82
UK & General	85.39	90.84†	+ 0.51	2.81
-do- Accum	108.58	116.57†	+ 0.63	2.81
UK Growth	159.03	169.18	+ 0.86	2.39
International Growth Funds:				
Eurcan Growth	192.14	204.40	+ 0.57	0.12
Far Eastern Gnth	124.35	132.19	– 0.22	
Global Bond	81.74	86.84†	+ 0.09	6.09
Japan Growth	109.32	116.30	– 0.33	
North Amer Gnth	197.35	209.95	+ 0.97	
Overseas Growth	75.46	80.30	+ 0.15	0.07
Worldwide Growth	67.19	71.48‡	+ 0.07	0.11
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.86	91.86†	+ 0.01	6.10
Homeseeker Fund	84.53	88.71	+ 0.48	1.88
Quilter Fund	140.55	149.52	+ 0.75	2.04

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5966

Consistent UT	32.23	34.47		3.45

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 358

Growth	168.30	179.00†	– 0.60	1.69
Income	70.94	75.47	+ 0.12	5.63
European	64.95	69.09	+ 0.03	1.85
Recovery	168.40	179.20	+ 0.10	2.16

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494

Equity Dist	852.10	906.70		3.50

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 690 370

Fellowship Tst	89.66	94.76‡	+ 0.63	1.58
Income #	254.30	272.60†	+ 1.50	4.35
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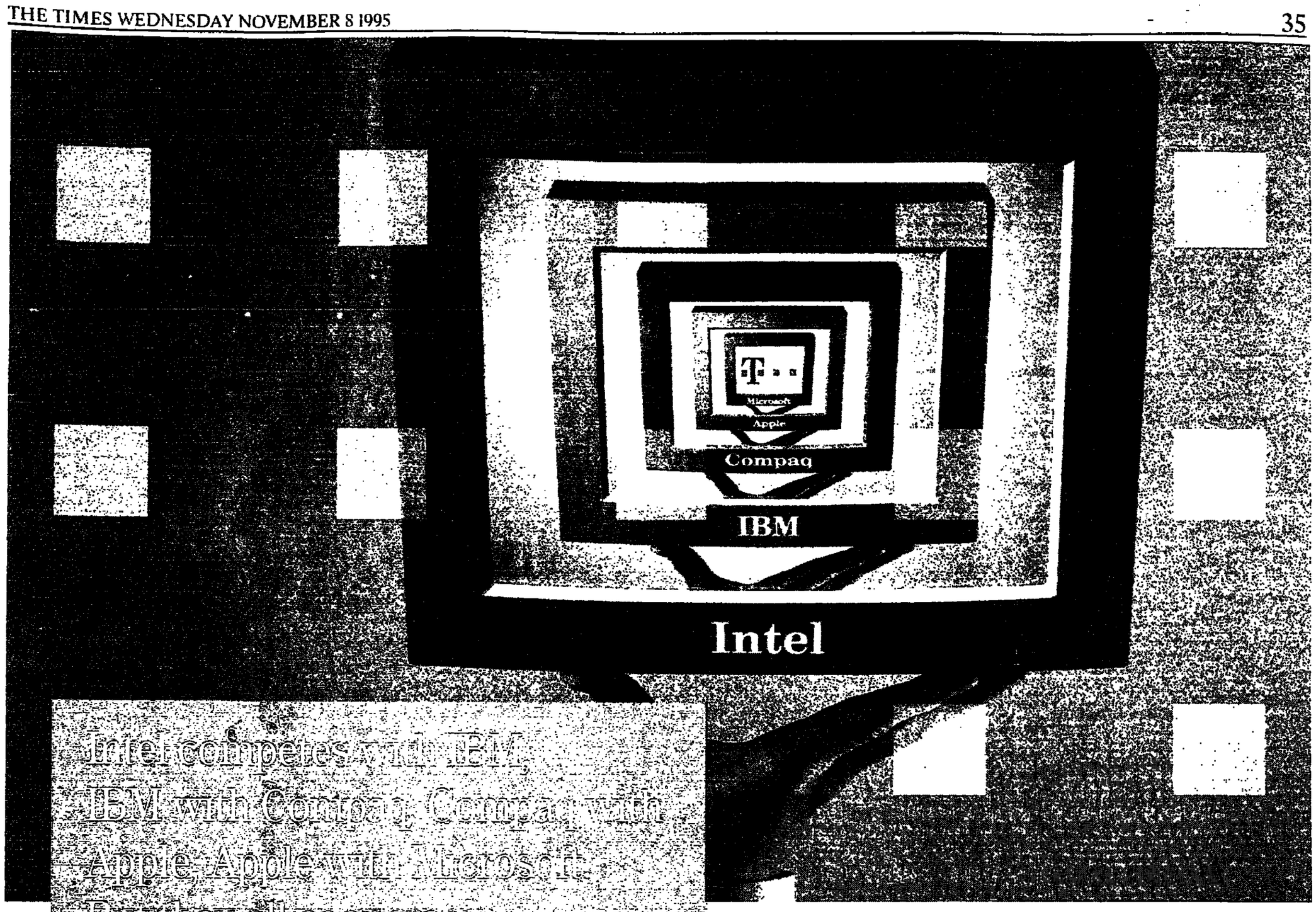
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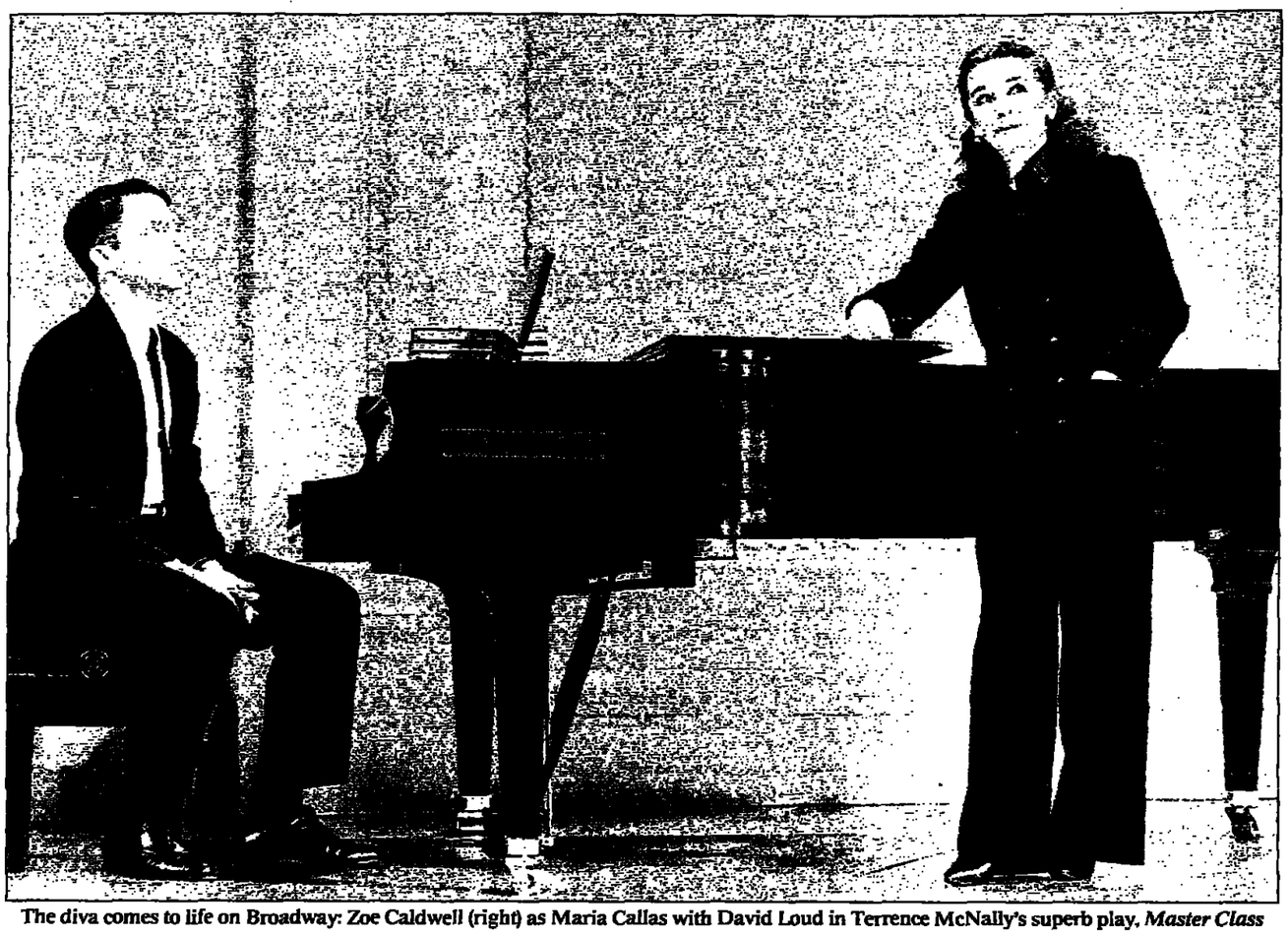


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. . . and Dorothy Parker's late play, *Ladies of the Corridor*, is also revived on the London fringe

Sweet Julie loses out to Callas treatment

The big Broadway musical is alive and kicking, says **Benedict Nightingale**, but the class act comes from opera



The diva comes to life on Broadway: Zoe Caldwell (right) as Maria Callas with David Loud in Terrence McNally's superb play, *Master Class*

Applause inflation is rampant in America, creating problems for the reviewer. What do you do when audiences leap to their feet en masse and give a performer a long, ecstatic ovation? If you refuse to stand, you look like a curmudgeon from a Bateman cartoon, The Man Who Didn't Like Carol Channing. If you join in, you are betraying your professional detachment and, often, your true feelings. "I pretend I have lost my wallet under my seat," says a New York colleague. "That keeps me safely on the ground for plenty of time."

During a long weekend spent maggoting in the Big Apple, this dilemma faced me twice. The first time, I kept my seat despite the dangerous-sounding yelps and whoops of animal glee that Julie Andrews's presence in **Victor/Victoria**, the new musical at the Marquis, provoked in the man behind me.

The second, I'm afraid I stopped being a professional and became a person. Very occasionally you come across a performance so miraculous that it makes the lame walk and pulls critics from the half-horizontal to the vertical. Zoe Caldwell's Maria Callas in Terrence McNally's **Master Class** had that effect on me and, let's hope, will have it on Broadway itself.

Everyone is saying that the Fabulous Invalid is looking friskier this season than for ages. According to *Variety*, 11 new productions have opened this season, compared with just four a year ago, and the total box-office receipts since May are up from $158 million to $177 million. But don't gulp too loudly or talk too precipitately of recovery. Nearly a third of Broadway's 40 theatres are dark. And of the $9 million taken in a recent week, some $6 million came from just ten mega-musicals, *Phantom of the Opera* to *Miss Saigon* to the disappointing but clearly unstoppable *Victor/Victoria*.

Drama is still having a tough time on Broadway. No one sees any future for one of the two straight pieces that have just joined the one or two already there. If there is anything Broadway audiences suspect more than religious subjects it is problem-plays, and Diane Shaffer's **Sacrilege**, which has Ellen Burstyn as a battling nun who wants to be a crusading priest, is a problem-play about religion.

But the other new arrival is more than a joy. It is a test-case. If *Master Class* fails, the producers might as well nail a neon placard reading "musicals only" over Times Square.

McNally conceived the play as a solo turn set nowhere much, then added a bashful pianist and three aspiring singers and transposed the action to Juilliard in the 1970s. This means that, although Caldwell's Callas dominates, her professional and personal monomania emerges more dramatically and, mostly, with more cause.

She tries to inject soul into the plump girl in apricot muslin who trills her way through a key song in Bellini's *Sonnambula*, sounding as if she has lost a cookie-jar, not a lover. She chastens the cocky tenor who aspires to be the next Mario Lanza, and somehow gets from him a rendering of Puccini's *Recondita armonia* that reduces her to momentary tears. Finally, she is vilified by the edgy soprano she has guided through Lady Macbeth's letter-reading scene and then gently informed she lacks genius.

Since Callas is given to confidential asides, plenty of information emerges about her history and philosophy. The formative years of hunger and fear in wartime Athens. Her rejection of her first husband for the crude, boastful zillionaire who said his favourite moment in opera was the interval, and then her Medea-style abandonment by him. Her insistence that music is a sacramental art, unreachable except by total emotional honesty and absolute self-discipline.

McNally could cut some of Callas's easier laugh-lines — one about orgasms clearly embarrassed Caldwell herself — but generally he maintains a balance between the seriously funny and the seriously serious.

So does Caldwell, an Australian-born actress far better known in America than Britain. She keeps you laughing at Callas's irony, fastidiousness, unwitting egoism and brusque pride — "How can you have rivals when no one else can do what you do?" — while never letting you lose either respect for her rigour or sight of her vulnerability.

Caldwell does not sing; but on two occasions her raddled face and white, glinting eyes are frozen in a spot, and recorded Callas replaces her pupils' warblings. To hear her talk of triumph at La Scala while Bellini fills the Golden Theatre is unforgettable, worth swimming to New York to catch.

After that, all else on Broadway shines a bit wanly, although there is plenty of harmless merriment to be had from Ken Ludwig's new **Moon over Buffalo**. The formula includes Carol Burnett and Philip Bosco as a theatrical couple on the slide, Irish coffee erroneously substituting as a cure for drunkenness, an innocent TV weatherman mistaken for a great movie director, and a matinee that goes spectacularly awry when *Cyrano* blunders into *Private Lives*. At times the result lacks the logic of the best farce, but at others it struck me as the funniest play about temperamental thesps since Rattigan's *Harlequinade*, possibly even Coward's *Hay Fever*.

This is also turning out to be the season for golden, or at least gold-tinted, oldies. I sidestepped the 74-year-old Channing in what may and may not be her final *Hello Dolly!*; but I caught Andrews, who carbon-dates 60 and looks 40, in the musical version of Blake Edwards's film about the starving singer who turns fake drag queen and becomes the toast of 1930s Paris. *Victor/Victoria* is slick, gorgeously designed, and troubled.

One trouble is that Andrews, although exuding quiet decency and dignified sweetness, never looks either starving or plausibly male. Another is that Paree brought the worst out of Henry Mancini, whose music is dull, and Leslie Bricusse, whose lyrics are dim. A song called *Paris Makes Me Horny* rhymes Stockholm with "schlock home" and suggests that in Munich "every guy's a eunuch". Other drawbacks include a big, bland gangster-hero, a tough bodyguard who turns out to be a sensitive, chess-playing homosexual, and sentiment galore.

At such points wise critics venture off-Broadway, as I did to the Promenade for another, livelier imaginative trip to old Paree. **Picasso at the Lapin Agile**, by the comedian Steve Martin, brings together the youthful painter and the young Einstein in a turn-of-the-century bar, and sets them debating beauty, the future and much else. Terry Johnson has played similar people-games in *Insignificance* and *Hysteria*, as has Tom Stoppard in *Travesties*. Martin has his enjoyably silly moments, but also his enjoyably sharp ones, and isn't disgraced by such comparisons. If he waxes a bit sentimental about genius, you forgive him.

Plot there isn't. Instead, you feel Martin is splitting what might be a good solo turn among the members of Randall Arney's cast. Still, who cares when the effect is so often so funny?

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Boozily treading the boards

The Country Girl
Greenwich Theatre



Corin Redgrave and Kika Markham as the drunken husband and stalwart wife caught in a human drama

Clifford Odets's drama of a drunken actor and his stalwart wife was renamed *Winter Journey* for its London premiere in 1952. But when the Bing Crosby/Grace Kelly film was released in Britain, the original name was retained, and Annie Castledine's new production sensibly does the same.

Forty-three years ago the leads were Michael Redgrave and Googie Withers, with Sam Wanamaker as Bernie Dodd, the hag-ridden director of the play in which Frank, the potentially great actor rotted with self-doubt, is nervously starring. This time Frank is played by Redgrave's son, Corin, and I wish I were old enough to do a compare and contrast job but I'm not, so that's that.

The play is a good old human drama piece, and if its neat and happy ending seems rather easily obtained after the middle region looks more likely to end in tears, there is one compensation — Odets was not an attractive man but, as a programme note points out, he differed from so many mid-century American dramatists in not blaming women for the troubles of men.

Dodd quickly assumes that Frank's wife, Georgie, is jealous of his success and is doing all she can, including providing alcohol, to wreck her husband's comeback. Dodd's own tormented marriage clouds his judgment, and the dramatic struggle thus becomes one in which Bernie thinks he is saving Frank by doing the one thing that will destroy him: the wife is not Frank's enemy, but his prop.

The play, or it may be the production, would provide sharper suspense if we did not recognise from the start that Kika Markham's Georgie is virtuous and misunderstood. Markham's intonations are not those of a nagger. But the play is really a learning process for Bernie Dodd, in which he must grow away from prejudice.

As Bernie, Daniel Stewart could make a more arresting moment of his discovery of Frank's scarred wrists, the turning-point of the play, but his facial expressions when reassessing his assumptions are perfectly judged. Redgrave gives a most telling interpretation of the complexities of Frank: the glimpses we get of the man's almost ungovernable power as an actor, when in touch with his strength, are of a piece with his nervous, self-defensive giggles when nerves eviscerate him.

On Simon Banham's ingenious set, where a metal drawbridge above the dressing-room is lowered to become a stage, Castledine's fluid production neatly uses actors and stage managers to change scenes. She also extends Odets's two references to background music so that in every scene we overhear a snatch of swing or a waltz. The personal struggle is apart from, yet part of, a wider world.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Sad satire without a sharp point

Ladies of the Corridor
Finborough, SW10

Dorothy Parker's personal life, behind the cool wisecracks, was one of messy pain, of abortive love affairs, debts, drink and suicide attempts. She died in her Manhattan apartment with only her poodle for company. Her relatively late play *Ladies of the Corridor*, about the lives of lonely women in a New York hotel, is seen as semi-autobiographical, with Mrs Parker refracting her fears into the long-stay single ladies of her fictional Hotel Marlowe. Widowed Lulu Ames, trying to start a new life in the big city but clutchily wrecking her new romance with Paul, ends up clinging to her pet dog as an ideal of devotion. Meanwhile Mildred Tynan, divorced and owing money, drowns her sorrows in whisky and eventually kills herself.

The play was apparently too shocking for audiences in the 1950s. It closed after six weeks on Broadway and was banned in Britain. Still, watching this current revival by the Steam Industry, I wished the piece were sharper. Director Sean O'Connor's production commendably amasses a large company, including ladies who cannot be cast from the spring chickens who normally play the fringe. Heather Chasen as Grace Nichols, the rich cripple who will not let go of her son, can be chillily calculating and Carolyn Jones's Lulu has drive. Showing younger promise are Caroline O'Neill as Mildred and the naturally funny Laura Macaulay as the smiling but merciless receptionist.

However, to borrow a backhander from Mrs Parker herself (allegedly), this show runs the whole gamut of emotions from A to B. It curiously touches no nerves. Stuart Packer's Harry, the porter who has provided other services for Mildred, does not have the viciousness to push her to suicide. Andrew Henry's Paul, who should be badly shaken by a previous jilting, is a mere smoothie. James Dearlove's dribble-stained set, with the streaming tail-lights of cars visible through the theatre's windows, is grimmer than the performance.

Parker's plot, though Arnaud D'Usseau collaborated on structuring the storylines, drifts then jerks and somewhat outstays its welcome. There are laughs. This is a social satire, with sniping and snobbishness, nosey-parkers and little old kleptomaniacs, yet the wit is hardly dazzling. Not bad, but no big wow.

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Star shooting to the top

John Allison on the soprano whose diary is so booked that she can turn down La Scala

The soprano Amanda Roocroft is riding the crest of one of the fastest-developing careers in opera. Not yet 30, she has a diary booked until 1999 with strenuous roles in houses ranging from Covent Garden to Munich and the Met. And, although she stresses a determination to pace herself, she leads life to the full: the next few days should see not only the release of her second solo album, but also the birth of her first child.

She remains undaunted by the prospect; undaunted, too, by having to be back at work in January — singing Amelia in *Simon Boccanegra* in Munich — before tackling the demanding title role in Strauss's *Arabella* at Covent Garden in March. "I'm doing my exercises," she says. "But I'm not singing singing: that makes too many demands on the stomach muscles, and would mean adapting my technique and then readapting it after the baby is born. I didn't want to do anything counter-productive, so I stopped performing at the end of July."

Roocroft is not the only one taking time off for the birth: her husband is the German baritone, Manfred Hemm. "Normally we try not to work on big shows at the same time," she says. "So one can travel to hear the other, and vice versa. It's better to be supportive, rather than to get nervous together. You want to feel: 'I'm being the star now, it's time to pamper me.' And it can be more stressful singing together: two years ago we both sang in a hideous *Così* in Lausanne, and all we could talk about was how awful the production was and how miserable we were."

Fiordiligi in *Così fan tutte* has become one of Roocroft's calling cards. She made her Glyndebourne debut under Simon Rattle in the role in 1991, recorded it with John Eliot Gardiner, and sang it in the Royal Opera's Miller-Armani production last January. It is also the part that first brought her to notice in 1988, while she was a student at the Royal Northern College of Music. Enthusiastic reviews were followed by more praise the following year, when she sang in the RNCM production of Handel's *Alcina*. Writing in *Opera* magazine, the critic Michael Kennedy noted that "in 40 years of listening to young singers I have never before heard, at this stage in development, a phenomenon to surpass Miss Roocroft".

Opera managements were quick to snap her up. She made her professional debut as Sophie in Welsh National Opera's *Rosenkavalier*, and, by 1991, had appeared at Covent Garden, as Pamina in *Die Zauberflöte*. That WNO show and a stint as Ginevra in English National Opera's *Ariodante* have been her only outings with the regional companies here. Now that she is plunging into new roles in the international spotlight — Desdemona under Zubin Mehta at Munich, Mimì and Luisa Miller at Covent Garden all beckon — does she not feel that she has missed out on the learning experience of smaller stages?

"Earlier on, it was more exciting that way, but I didn't think of the consequences. I just went on and did as well as I could, and didn't think that I would be judged alongside people who had been in the profession ten or 15 years longer. But it has made me harder on myself. The nature of our job is to learn by experience, so I'm making my mistakes in a more public way. All I can do now is restrict the number of high-profile things I undertake." And she can cite offers declined, such as *Traviata* at La Scala and Pamina under Solti at Salzburg — "Nobody believes me apart from my agent and teacher" — as indication of the pressure on her.

Roocroft plainly deserves success. She is a serious, gifted young singer with a secure technique and sunny tone. But some of her performances have lacked the communication that greater clarity of words can bring, and she is aware of the problem. "My diction's gradually getting better. Maybe it will never be great, but I can name a few Dames whose diction was never the best! That doesn't give me an excuse — I suppose I've been taught that quality of sound is the most important."

Discussion of Roocroft's two solo discs reveals something of the direction in which her career is going. The first, released a year ago, ranged widely from Handel, to Strauss and Puccini. "I think my resting place may be in Strauss, Verdi and, hopefully, Puccini. But I could never leave Mozart behind. So, having given everyone a taste of what the future may hold, in *Mozart and his Contemporaries* I decided to return to the present."

The "contemporaries" are Cimarosa and Haydn. Cimarosa's oratorio, *Il sacrificio d'Abramo*, was written in the same year as *Figaro*, "so it is nice to compare what was going on in Italy and Austria. In my aria from *Artemisia*, the first phrase is similar to the opening of *Non mi dir* in *Giovanni*, which reminds you that composers were borrowing from each other. I hope that these bits will make the album more interesting for the public. For the rest, Mozart is where I've had my career so far, so it made sense to concentrate on him."

● Mozart and his Contemporaries *is released by EMI*



DES JENSON

Roocroft: looking forward to her second solo album, and the birth of her first child

ENO needs new direction

The shock resignation of Sian Edwards as music director of the English National Opera is not all that much of a shock: the operatic undergrowth has been rife with rumours of her impending departure for some months now. All that was needed was the right "political" moment, and the shock element resides mainly in the fact that this is not the right moment: no successor has been announced to wrap the whole affair up neatly.

There is certainly no shortage of candidates in the rumour factory: just as four years ago practically everyone in Britain wanted Nicholas Payne to run their opera companies (and Covent Garden won), so Opera North's music director Paul Daniel is the favourite (though he would surely be ill-advised to leave his "can't fail" post in Leeds); Richard Hickox is another name on everyone's lips, though his operatic experience is pretty limited.

Edwards's appointment four years ago was seen by the cynical as a media event as much as anything else: she was young, personable and female, and the time and place were right. The cynical might also argue that media reactions to her work at the Coliseum were coloured by this: coverage of her conducting has been less than generous to say the least, and often condescending: there has been something approaching a perceptible "get Edwards" campaign that in turn has led some commentators to give her the benefit of the doubt.

Edwards is a good musician. She had given a number of impressive performances — notably an incandescent *Traviata* for Glyndebourne Touring Opera, and a fine *Gambler* at ENO — before taking up the Coliseum post. She had also been in charge of some duff ones, especially at Covent Garden, where she seemed unable to impose her will on the sort of multiple, unrehearsed cast changes that are part of an international house's way of life. That should have sent out any number of warning signals.

She is also an enormously likeable person, which should be irrelevant but isn't: the truth is that there has to be an element of the ruthless and tyrannical in the make-up of a successful music director in opera and I don't believe it is there in Edwards, any more than it was in an ENO predecessor, Sir Charles Groves, who was far, far too nice for the job.

Last season's disastrous *Mahagonny* seemed to me to spell it out all too clearly: it was a work Edwards knew well and understood, but decisions were taken about amplification and the placing of the chorus in the auditorium that no music director should have tolerated. Edwards didn't put her foot down.

Not that her time at ENO was without high points. Last season's prize-winning *Khovanshchina* was a solid success. But there have also been some dim evenings, and in the end she was perhaps the wrong person for the job at the wrong time. And there's the rub: if it was the wrong time then, with an entirely new management in place, it is even more wrong now: Dennis Marks's management has even more trenchant critics than Edwards's musical directorship.

The new musical director will need the guts to take over at a time of great uncertainty — the company is considering the possibility of leaving the Coliseum, its home for nearly 30 years — and provide qualities of leadership quite out of the ordinary. Morale is vital, now more than at any time in ENO's history. He, or as it may be she, will need to reassert the primacy of musical values, since it is on those values that in the end the success of any opera company depends.

And it will have to be someone who trusts Marks, and vice-versa, which does not seem to have been the case in recent years. Conspiracy theorists suggest that Edwards was appointed over Marks's head in the first place. Anyway, there is a feeling of sacrificial lamb to her departure, and I don't like it.

RODNEY MILNES

ARCHITECTURE: **Marcus Binney** on how Terry Farrell is trying to prove his critics wrong

King of the populists

Terry Farrell has met his critics. Fed up with sniping from fellow architects, he has mounted the biggest, whammiest exhibition yet held at the Royal Institute of British Architects. More a "show" than a conventional exhibit, it consists of numerous very large, bold colour photographs, computer simulations and giant models which are best seen at night when they light up internally.

"Buildings are large sculptural objects," Farrell explains. "So I built six of the biggest models ever made in the UK." We are used to looking down at architectural models; here you look up at models set on plinths the size of the average kitchen. It is architecture's equivalent of the V&A cast galleries, all in white and very dramatic.

The criticism made of Farrell is that he lacks integrity and rigour, that he fails to adhere to the functionalist doctrines of truth to materials and structural honesty. Farrell rebuts all doctrinaire stances as inimical. While many architects believe the guiding force in design is the creation of space, Farrell believes it is about mass and volume. He likes buildings that are big, expressive, with a strong personality of their own.

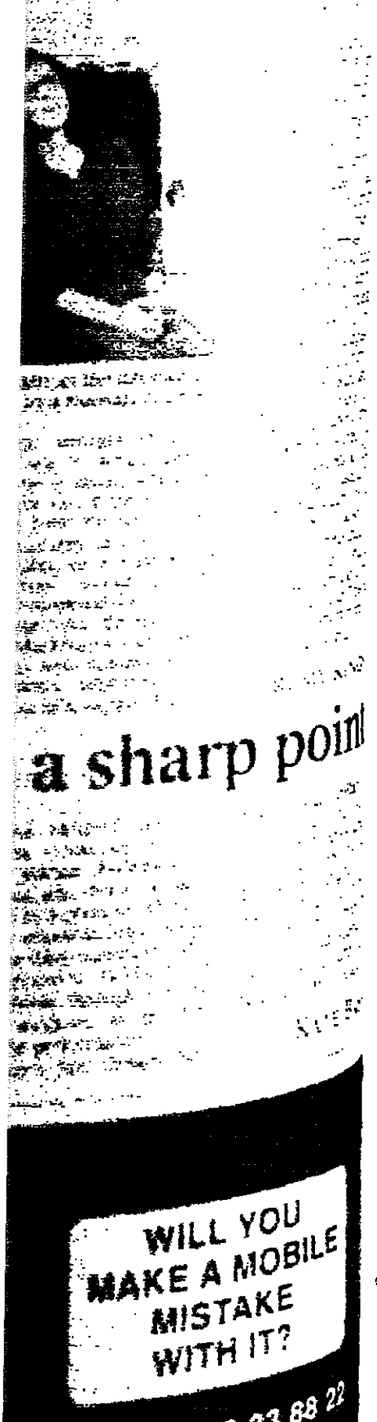
When recession hit Britain in the late 1980s, Farrell went east, winning three major commissions in Hong Kong, another while stopping off at Dubai, and now a commission for a major corporate headquarters in Seoul. More jobs in Korea are now in prospect. Farrell's buildings are about imagery and he believes this gives his designs appeal in the East. "They prefer gentle curves to the angular high-tech language of much contemporary British architecture."

Farrell's Peak Tower in Hong Kong has been dubbed the "Flying Wok". His drawings, showing it entwined with plumes of white smoke illuminated by spotlights, are straight out of *Ghostbusters*. His buildings constantly suggest analogies, whether from everyday objects or science fiction. His competition design for a new station in Lisbon could be a bread slicer; the ventilation building for Kowloon Station looks set to move on its haunches like a vehicle out of *Power Rangers*. Farrell's buildings are also about contrasts. The Dubai Arts Centre is half airport terminal and half caravanserai arcaded court around a secluded garden. Farrell unashamedly plunders the whole history of architecture for motifs he can transform.

Architectural exhibitions tend to fall into the trap of providing too much to read. Farrell has no text panels at all, and just one line of caption for each set of photographs. He makes up for this by offering a tape-recorded tour of the kind familiar at arts exhibitions, in which he himself talks you through selected projects. He lights his exhibits, including wall-hung models, with the same care and flair as the showcases in a Cartier window. It is populism pure and simple. But it is populism that has helped Farrell to win the commission to design (and find a site for) a possible new home for English National Opera.

● *Terry Farrell at Riba, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (0171-580 5533), until Dec 2*





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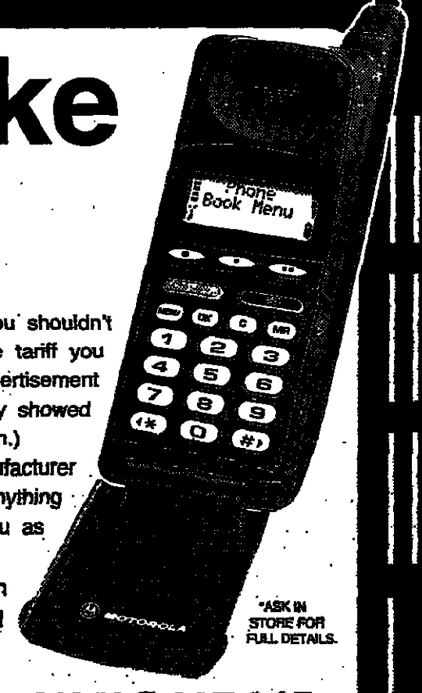
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■ CHOICE 3

Soul diva Anita Baker is back in Britain for the first time since 1990

VENUE: Tonight at the NEC in Birmingham



■ DANCE

BT Dance '96: could it be a giant leap for the children of Britain?

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

PREVIN RETURNS: After opening the London Symphony Orchestra's season with the 14-year-old violin prodigy Sarah Chang, Conductor Laureate André Previn returns with the peerless Anne-Sophie Mutter. Tonight's programme includes Beethoven's Violin Concerto, and opens with a real rarity: the Symphony for Classical Orchestra written in 1947 by the American neo-classical composer Harold Shapero.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight and Thurs, 7.30pm ◙

SHAKESPEARE REVUE: First night of previews for a witty evening of song, dance and sketches to do with William S. Assembled by Christopher Luscombe and Malcolm McKee, and a recent sell-out at the Barbican.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Previews tonight-Fri, 8pm. Sat, 8.30pm; mat Sat, 5.30pm. Opens Nov 13, 7pm.

WIGMORE SONGS: Soprano Joan Rodgers and baritone Gerald Finley continue the Wigmore's excellent Song Recital series, following on from Dame Margaret Price's triumphant performance last week. They are accompanied by pianist Julian Drake for a programme of Wolf's *Italienisches Liederbuch*.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Tonight, 8pm ◙

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: A soul diva in the classic mould, **Anita Baker** takes up her first British dates since 1990. Her recent work includes last year's low-key comeback *Rhythm of Love*, a contribution to Frank Sinatra's *Duets* album and *When You Love Someone* with James Ingram on the soundtrack of *Forget Paris*. With special guest George Duke.
NEC ◙ (0121-767 4678), tonight, then **London**, Wembley Arena ◙ (0181-900 1234), Nov 10; **Manchester**, Apollo ◙ (0161-832 1111), Nov 11

LIVERPOOL: Works by Brahms and Dvořák are on offer tonight from Walter Weller and the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra**, as part of the Royal Orchestra Exchange series, a collaboration between the RSNO, the Royal Liverpool and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestras to perform in Birmingham and each other's home cities this season.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (0151-709 3789). Then **Birmingham**, Symphony Hall, ◙ (0121-212 3333), Thurs. **London**, Barbican, EC2 ◙ (0171-638 8891), Fri.

MANCHESTER: And, finally, another orchestra also embarks on a brief series tonight. **The Hallé Orchestra** teams up with seasoned conductor Günther Herbig for a programme of Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Dvořák; Leland Chen is the soloist.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street ◙ (0161-834 1712). Tonight, Thurs and Sun, then **Hanley**, Victoria Hall (01782 712500), Fri. All at 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Dora Carrington (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Westminster Kings and the Medieval Palace of Westminster (0171-636 1555) . . . **Hayward**: Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (071-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery**: Gods in Love: the Caracci Cartoons Restored (0171-747 2885) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: John Kobal Photographic Award (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . . . **Saatchi**: Young British Artists V (0171-624 8299) . . . **Tate**: Dynasties: Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Design Now: San Lorenzo Silversmiths Studio (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel**: Seven Stories about Modern Art in Africa (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◙ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE CABINET OF DOKTOR CALIGARI**: A stage version of the German silent classic. Good sets, unearthly music, pointless dancing but a haunting performance by John Ramm as Matthew Kelly's sleepwalking killer.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm ◙

◙ **CYRANO**: The bittersweet love-story rethought as a battle within the Indian film industry. Bollywood star Naseeruddin Shah is a fine hero, and Ranjit Bolt's jokes are neat, but the new conflicts can't match those in the original.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm ◙

□ **HOBSON'S CHOICE**: Leo McKern in the title role of Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy. Nichola McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent as daughter and son-in-law.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, Sat, 3pm ◙

□ **JEFFREY DAHMER IS UNWELL**: Alan Francis and Mike Hanley in their surreal black comedy hit of the Edinburgh Festival: two flat mates, one obsessed with serial killers, the other with model aeroplanes.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm. Until Nov 18 ◙

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

□ **JOLSON**: The highs and lows of the singer with with a monster ego. Brian Conley belts out the songs enjoyably and Sally Ann Triplett is an impressive Ruby Keeler.
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ◙

◙ **MACK AND MABEL**: The Jerry Herman musical set in early Hollywood where the careers of Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand unfold and clash. Fine songs, though a troublesome book. Paul Kerryson directs Howard McGillin and Caroline O'Sullivan in the leads.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **THE MASTER BUILDER**: Peter Hall's cosy version of Ibsen, with Alan Bates, Gemma Jones and Victoria Hamilton.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ◙

■ **RUPERT STREET LONELY HEARTS CLUB**: Latest play by Jonathan Harvey: emotional musical chairs among the friends of two Liverpool brothers. Co-production with Manchester's Contact Theatre.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Until Nov 25. ◙

□ **SON OF MAN**: Dennis Potter's story of the life of Christ (Joseph Fiennes), religious rebel. Strong acting, good design, unclear purpose.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm ◙

◙ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CRIMSON TIDE (15): Antique heroics in a nuclear submarine, with Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington. Director, Tony Scott.
Odeon Leicester Square (01426-915 683)

FARINELLI (15): The life of an 18th-century castrato. Lots of opera, sex and clothes, but the film only scratches the material's potential. Director, Gérard Corbiau.
Barbican ◙ (0171-638 8891) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **MGMs: Fulham Road** ◙ (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

♦ **FRENCH KISS** (12): Dizzy Meg Ryan gets entangled with French rogue Kevin Kline. Charmless romantic comedy, directed by Lawrence Kasdan.
Barbican ◙ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◙ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

♦ **JADE** (18): Nasty, meretricious thriller about the ripples caused by a millionaire's murder, with David Caruso, Linda Fiorentino and Chazz Palminteri. Director, William Friedkin.
Empire ◙ (0171-437 1234) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

♦ **ASSASSINS** (15): Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. Reasonable action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas and Julianne Moore. Director, Richard Donner.
MGM Trocadero ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

♦ **CLUELESS** (12): Life and empty minds of Beverly Hills teenagers. Frivolous fun from director Amy Heckerling, with Alicia Silverstone.
Clapham Picture (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

♦ **HAUNTED** (15): Ghost sceptic Aidan Quinn revises his opinions staying in a stately home. Laboured version of James Herbert's novel. Director, Lewis Gilbert.
Empire (0171-437 1234) **MGM Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031)

LAND AND FREEDOM (15): Ken Loach's powerful Spanish Civil War drama, with Ian Hart, Rosana Pastor.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

♦ **POCAHONTAS** (U): Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

♦ **TO DIE FOR** (15): Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory. Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◙ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

♦ **UNDER SIEGE 2** (18): *Die Hard* on a train, with an impassive star (Steven Seagal), a grinning villain (Eric Bogosian), and much tedious action.
MGM Trocadero ◙ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

Installing a new party line

Simon Tait on the young people finding new ways of expression in BT Dance '96

A small boy was blocking the aisle, putting on a show. His startling series of twirls, rolls, leaps and trips brought a round of applause from those trying to get past him to the bar. He looked up, blushed, and sank back into his seat to await his older sister's more legitimate appearance, on stage, in BT Dance '96.

British Telecom has put £250,000 into this new youth dance programme, joining up with Larry Westland's Dance for Youth, a sister organisation to Music for Youth, to produce a regional programme devised to create a national platform for youth dance. The emphasis, Westland says, is on variety, and the range among this first group of regional finalists was wide: jive, hip-hop, contemporary, tap, even Russian folk dancing.

"These children don't often get an opportunity to perform," Westland says. "By bringing them together in groups they get a sense of the magic. It's part of helping them develop as people, as a dance audience and, perhaps, as dancers."

Dance groups of children and young amateurs between the ages of 11 and 18 were asked to submit videos of their entries to a panel of specialists who were looking specifically for intention and purpose in the work, communication, a sense of ensemble, the general effectiveness of the piece and the degree of challenge, all governed by the overall quality of performance.

A dozen or so at a time have been chosen to go forward to live regional events throughout Britain, and from these will emerge 12 finalists to perform at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London at the BT Dance '96 UK Festival next March. About 200 applications were expected, and 550 rolled in. Rodger Broad, the sponsorship manager for BT, had committed the company to only one year of the scheme for certain, but decided, after seeing the first of the showcases at the Greenwich Dance Centre in southeast London, to make it three years.

There were ten groups from London and Kent strutting their stuff at the showcase.



The organisers of BT Dance '96 expected about 200 entrants in the contest. There were 550

And their ambition, as much as their ability, was what impressed the evening's presenter, the broadcaster Gill Pyrah: "There doesn't seem to be anything they don't think they can do," she said. "The power of some of the narrative is quite shaking." She had just introduced Carolyn Baker and Luke Kattenhorn, two 17-year-olds from the Hextable Youth Dance Company, and their own creation about Aids.

However, the joint winners of this London/Kent heat were the Russian dancers of Riabinoushka of Broadstairs, and a group of 11-year-olds from Ravenstone Primary School in Balham, south London. Ravenstone's head teacher, Anne Reyersbach, commits part of the school's management budget to dance. "It's important for them to be able to do this," Reyersbach says. "But it's an old school which does not even have a hall big enough for all of the pupils."

The 16 children in the Ravenstone troupe had, as their classroom project last year, the Second World War. A visit from a survivor of Auschwitz inspired them to make their dance, with its themes of war, fleeing refugees, separation and loss of dignity.

YOUNG AT art

"I can't achieve technicality in 30 minutes' teaching a week, and they wouldn't be interested anyway," says their teacher, Rhian Robbins. "But they can work together to produce a piece that I'm very proud of."

The Ravenstone dancers could well go on to the QEH in the spring, having bested, for example, the 13-to-18-year-olds from Youth, which gets professional tuition twice a week at the Place Theatre and which performed a piece choreographed by Richard Alston.

But they might not. The BT Dance UK Festival is a *show*, Westland says, which has to be produced. If another representation of Ravenstone's theme comes along, for example, and it fits the eventual programme better, the school may yet be left in the audience.

The BT Dance programme will provide a lot of creative fun for thousands of youngsters over the three years. Whether it makes a lasting difference will depend largely on whether the dance community itself takes an interest.

Janet Archer is chairwoman of the National Youth Dance Festival Committee and director of Dance City, the national dance agency in Newcastle. "BT Dance '96 will give youth dance a higher profile," she says. "But we must find a way of making it all fit logically with what is already happening in community dance so that we can get something permanent out of this after it's gone."

RECITAL

Joy of the parlour

THERE was a whiff of the aspidistra about Monday's Wigmore concert. It hung over the clinging harmonies of *The Long Day Closes*, an unaccompanied part-song by Sir Arthur Sullivan, which served as an honorary encore to an evening whose assortment of those we have loved would have graced any parlour.

The occasion, a little strangely, was the presentation of the Alfreda Hodgson Bursary, an award made to a young singer every two years in memory of the Irish contralto. Strangely, because we heard nothing of the prize-winning bass-baritone James Rutherford himself, and because the programme lacked both the coherence and, at times, the quality of Hodgson's own career.

Alfreda Hodgson Bursary Concert
Wigmore Hall

The Sullivan quartet of Simon Berridge, Ian Partridge, Michael George and Stephen Roberts was joined by Catherine Wyn-Rogers and pianist Malcolm Martineau for a Schubertian counterpart in the form of a thrumming serenade. The *Ständchen* heralded an unhappy performance of Beethoven's *An die ferne Geliebte* by Robert Tear and John Lill, the one scarcely a Lieder singer, the other hardly an accompanist.

Just that quality of shifting sounds and lights re-created in voice and piano and lacking in the Beethoven, lit up the Fauré songs of Joan Rodgers and Martineau. Rodgers's soprano held back every languid vowel in *En sourdine*, fluttered with the fingers of Martineau in *Mandoline*, and sang out the full heart of *Notre amour*.

After Lill's studied performance of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*, mezzo-soprano Wyn-Rogers paid her own generous tribute to Hodgson in Brahms's songs for contralto and viola, *Gestille Sehnsucht* and *Geistliches Wiegenlied*. Rachel Bolt's viola conspired to re-create the evening light and the lullaby before Sullivan's gloaming brought the evening to what felt like a premature close.

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Law Report November 8 1995 Privy Council

Delay on death row justifies commutation of sentence

Guerra v Baptiste

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Nolan and Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead

[Judgment November 6]

To execute an appellant after a lapse of four years and 10 months between the imposition of a sentence of death and completion of the entire domestic appellate process would constitute cruel and unusual punishment contrary to his rights under the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and his death sentence would be commuted to a sentence of life imprisonment. Furthermore, the giving of less than 17 hours notice to the appellant of his execution constituted a breach of his constitutional rights.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in allowing an appeal by the appellant, Lincoln Anthony Guerra, from the dismissal on July 27, 1994, by the Court of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobago of his appeal from Mr Justice Jones in the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago, who had dismissed his motion for redress for alleged infringements of his constitutional rights.

Mr Philip Sapsford, QC, Mr Nicholas Blake, QC and Mr Tim Owen for the appellant; Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, Mr Nolan Bereaux, Deputy Solicitor-General, Trinidad and Tobago, and Mr Peter Knox for the respondents.

LORD GOFF said that on May 18, 1989, the appellant, together with Brian Wallen, was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. On July 29, 1994, Brian Wallen died in prison of natural causes.

Meanwhile, in June 1989, the two men had applied for leave to appeal against their convictions. But it was not until October 1993 that their appeals were heard by the Court of Appeal. The hearing was concluded on November 2, when the appeals were dismissed, reasons being handed down on November 25. Their petition for leave to appeal to the Privy Council was dismissed on March 21, 1994.

Thereafter the authorities moved with great speed. On March 23, the Advisory Committee on the Power of Pardon, with whom, pursuant to section 89(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the designated minister consulted before advising the President whether to reprieve the two men, met to consider commutation of their death sentences.

Following the consultation, the minister recommended that the law should take its course. The warrants for their execution were read to them at 14.40 hours on March 24, for execution at 07.00 hours on March 25.

Although less than 17 hours notice was given to them of their impending execution those advising them succeeded in filing a constitutional motion on the same evening alleging that their execution pursuant to the warrants would constitute a violation of their constitutional rights.

The central issue was that arising from the decision in *Pratt v Attorney-General for Jamaica* ([1994] 2 AC 1).

The issues whether there was a breach of the appellant's constitutional rights in failing to allow him an opportunity to make representations to the Advisory Committee on the Power of Pardon, and whether the failure of the state to adopt a procedure which permitted the appellant to make representations to the United Nations Human Rights Committee, or the state to take into account the UNHRC's advice, constituted a breach of the appellant's constitutional rights, raised fundamental questions of great importance; the former involved a challenge to the decision of the Privy Council in *de Freitas v Benny* ([1976] AC 239).

Having regard to the decision that the appellant's death sentence should be commuted to a sentence of life imprisonment on the principle in *Pratt's* case, the issue relating to the advisory committee did not arise for decision.

The issue relating to the UNHRC too did not arise for decision, because the UNHRC had determined that the appellant's communication was inadmissible for non-exhaustion of domestic remedies.

In all the circumstances, their Lordships did not consider that it would be appropriate for them to deal with either of those issues in the present case.

It had been urged on behalf of the appellant that such delay occurred in the appellate process, between the date of his conviction and sentence on May 18, 1989, and the date when his petition for leave to appeal was dismissed by the Privy Council on March 21, 1994, that to execute him after the period of time spent by him on death row *would constitute a breach of his* constitutional rights on the principles established by the Privy Council in *Pratt's* case.

Those principles were applicable in Trinidad and Tobago as they were in Jamaica, the only difference, which was of no importance, being that in Jamaica such execution would constitute inhuman punishment, whereas in Trinidad and Tobago it would constitute cruel and unusual punishment.

The fundamental principle established in *Pratt's* case (at p33) was: "A state that wishes to retain capital punishment must accept the responsibility of ensuring that execution follows as swiftly as practicable after sentence, allowing a reasonable time for appeal and consideration of reprieve. . . . If the appellate procedure enables the prisoner to prolong the appellate hearings over a period of years, the fault is to be attributed to the appellate system that permits such delay and not to the prisoner who takes advantage of it."

No fixed time was specified for the period within which execution should take place after conviction and sentence. The period was to be ascertained by reference to the requirement that execution should follow as swiftly as practicable after sentence, allowing a reasonable time for appeal and consideration of reprieve.

In the judgments delivered by the courts below in the present case, much emphasis was placed on the problems created for the courts by the shortage of resources available to them, especially in the difficult conditions now prevailing in Trinidad and Tobago.

Even so, when considering to what extent regard might be had to problems facing the judicial system in assessing a reasonable time for appeal for present purposes, it was necessary to refer to the following passage in *Pratt's* case (at pp34-35): "Their Lordships are very conscious that the Jamaican Government faces great difficulties with a disturbing murder rate and limited financial resources at their disposal to administer the legal system.

"Nevertheless, if capital punishment is to be retained it must be carried out with all possible expedition . . . The aim should be to hear a capital appeal within 12 months of conviction . . . "If there is to be an application to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council it must be made as soon as possible. . .

"In this way it should be possible to complete the entire domestic appeal process within approximately two years. Their Lordships do not purport to set down any rigid timetable but to indicate what appear to them to be realistic targets. . . "

That was as applicable to Trinidad and Tobago as it was to Jamaica, and demonstrated the limited extent to which regard could be had in the present context to problems facing the judicial system. Such problems could not be allowed to excuse long delays.

If capital punishment was to be carried out it had to be carried out with all possible expedition. It was in that sense that a "reasonable time" for appeal was to be understood. In the assessment of such reasonable time, great importance had to be attached to ensuring that, consonant with the tradition of the common law and the recognition of the inhumanity involved in prolonging the period awaiting execution on death row, such delay *would not occur and any delay* which did occur would be curtailed.

In *Pratt's* case (at p35) the Board also concluded: "In any case in which execution is to take place more than five years after sentence there will be strong grounds for believing that the delay is such as to constitute 'inhuman or degrading punishment or other treatment'."

The five year period was not intended to provide a limit, or a yardstick, by reference to which individual cases should be considered in constitutional proceedings.

In the present case the time between sentence of death and completion of the hearing by the *Court of Appeal was 4½ years, and* between sentence and the completion of the entire domestic appellate process, that is, until after dismissal of the appellant's petition for leave to appeal to the Privy Council, was four years and 10 months.

Those figures were to be compared with realistic targets of approximately 12 months and two years respectively. Each of the target periods was very substantially exceeded. The overwhelming reason for that excess was the failure to make available the judge's notes of the evidence at the trial until four years after it was over.

In all the circumstances there had been a substantial and unjustifiable period of delay in the disposal of the appellant's appeal, a period which in all probability exceeded three years.

Bearing in mind that the unjustified period of delay ran into a period of years, and had led to a lapse of time since sentence of death was imposed far in excess of the target periods and close to the period (five years) from which it might be inferred, without detailed examination of the particular case, that there had been such delay as would render the condemned man's execution thereafter unlawful, to execute the appellant after such a lapse of time would constitute cruel and unusual punishment contrary to his rights under sections 4(a) and 5(2)(b) of the Constitution.

It was for those reasons that their Lordships had come to the conclusion, announced at the conclusion of the hearing, that the appeal had to be allowed and the appellant's death sentence commuted to a sentence of life imprisonment.

The courts below expressed the view that little if any regard should be paid to the period spent by condemned men on death row before their final appeal had been dismissed. Their Lordships did not feel able to subscribe to that philosophy.

The period before the appellate process had been finally exhausted *had to be taken into account in* deciding whether there had been such delay since the death sentence was imposed as to render execution thereafter cruel and unusual punishment.

The appellant was given less than 17 hours notice of his execution. It was submitted that so short a notice of execution constituted a breach of his constitutional rights.

The essential submissions advanced on behalf of the appellant were that the period of notice was so short that execution in such circumstances would constitute cruel and unusual punishment contrary to section 5(2)(b), or would deprive him of his life otherwise than by due process of law or deprive him of the protection of the law contrary to section 4(a) or (b) respectively.

Justice and humanity required that a man under sentence of death should be given reasonable notice of the time of his execution. To execute a condemned man without first giving him such notice of his execution would constitute cruel and unusual punishment contrary to section 5(2)(b).

In an unreported case Mr Justice Davis held that there was a settled practice in Trinidad and Tobago for a condemned man to be advised of the time and date of his execution by the reading of a death warrant to him on a Thursday for execution on the following Tuesday.

In the present case Mr Justice Jones and the Court of Appeal declined to follow that decision, but their Lordships accepted the reasoning of Mr Justice Davis on the point. Even so, they doubted if the settled practice went so far as to require the warrant to be read on any particular day of the week, or to prevent the warrant from being read on a day more than four clear days before the date of execution specified in the warrant.

The effect of the settled practice was that the warrant of execution had to be read at a date which gave the condemned man the benefit of at least four clear days between the reading of the death warrant and his execution, and those four clear days should include a weekend, and the reasonable time referred to by their Lordships in relation to the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment should be so interpreted.

The giving of reasonable notice of impending execution had another distict purpose, namely to provide the condemned man with a reasonable opportunity to obtain legal advice and to have resort to the courts for such relief as might be open to him. The settled practice that a period of at least four clear days would be necessary to constiute reasonable time was applicable to that purpose as well as to humanitarian purposes.

The giving of less than 17 hours notice to the appellant of his execution constituted a breach of his constitutional rights under sections 4(a), 5(2)(b) and 5(2)(h) of the Constitution, but since their Lordships had already concluded that the appellant's sentence of death had to be commuted to a sentence of life imprisonment on other grounds, it was unnecessary that any further relief should be granted.

Solicitors: Allen & Overy; Charles Russell.

Judges will hear summonses by telephone

Practice Statement (Patents Court Procedure)

Patent Court judges were willing to hear summonses by telephone conference for short matters unless a matter of general public importance was involved. Furthermore, the Patents Court Users' Committee would in future consider the problems and concerns of intellectual property litigation generally.

Mr Justice Jacob, judge in charge of the patents list so stated, inter alia, in a practice statement issued in ther Chancery Division on November 6.

MR JUSTICE JACOB said:

Telephone summons

For short (20 minutes or less) matters before the Patents Court, the patent judges were willing, unless a matter of general public importance was involved, to hear summonses by telephone conference. The following was the procedure:

(a) Unless the matter was very *urgent, the parties had to agree* that a telephone hearing was appropriate.

(b) Where it was known that the hearing would be by telephone in advance of issue of the summons it should be marked "By telephone". Where the summons had already been issued then a letter, or fax, from the party issuing it should be *sent to the patent judge's clerk* indicating that a telephone hearing was desired. Where a notice of motion had already been issued the court might treat the hearing as if by summons.

(c) Any bundles to be used should be agreed and sent in advance to the judge's clerk. Any last minute documents might be *sent by fax. The judge's clerk* should be informed by telephone of any such documents and it would be prudent in any event to check with the clerk that the necessary papers were present and correct.

(d) The time for hearing should be agreed with the judge's clerk. It should normally be between 9.30 and 10.15am.

(e) The party issuing the summons was responsible for setting up the conference call. That might be done by contacting British Telecom on 0800 778877. The call should commence with the judge at precisely the time agreed with the judge's clerk.

(f) The costs of the call would be treated as part of the costs of the *summons*.

(g) Loudspeaker telephones might be used unless they interfered with the hearing.

(h) To avoid any misunderstandings, the parties had to agree a *minute* of order immediately following the hearing of the summons. That might most conveniently be done by one party faxing *a signed copy of the minute* to the other and that other signing a copy and faxing the completed agreed order to the judge, but other arrangements might be agreed. The judge's clerk would arrange for the order to be drawn up in the same way as an agreed order (see below).

(i) Mr Justice Jacob and Mr Justice Laddie had arranged for a recording of any telephone summons to be made. It would not be transcribed. The tape would be kept by the judge's clerk for a period of six months. Arrangements for transcription, if needed, had to be made by the parties.

(j) Currently the relevant numbers were: 0171-936 6771 (clerk to Mr Justice Jacob) and 0171-936 6624 (fax).

(k) The procedure might be used for most short disputed interlocutory matters. The parties should use it where it would save costs. The procedure was not a substitute for the even cheaper procedure of an agreed interlocutory order.

2 Agreed interlocutory orders

Where the parties were agreed as to the terms of an interlocutory order then it might be made without the need for a hearing. Two drafts of the agreed order and the written consent of the parties' respective solicitors or counsel should be supplied to the clerk of the judge in charge of the patents list.

Where a draft had been amended by hand, it was helpful for a disk of the unamended *version to be supplied in* accordance with paragraph 7.2 of the *Chancery Guide*: see (*The Times* April 28, 1995; [1995] 1 WLR 785). Unless the judge considered a hearing was needed he would make the order in the agreed terms by initialling it. It would be drawn up accordingly and sent to the parties.

3 Information sheets on hearing of summons for directions

The formal preparation of an information sheet for a summons for directions in accordance with appendix 5 of the *Chancery Guide* was not necessary in a matter before the Patents Court. None the less it was good practice for the parties to consider the matters referred to *in appendix 5 and any* other matters which might shorten or affect the trial.

4 Pre-trial reviews in patent actions

Paragraph 3.9 of the *Chancery Guide* indicated that such a review should be held in a case of over 10 days estimated duration. However, in a matter before the Patents Court, unless any party considered that it would be helpful, there was no need for a pre-trial review.

(5) Rights of audience on hearing of summons

Practitioners were reminded that solicitors had rights of audience on any summons in chambers before the High Court. So although in patent proceedings most interlocutory matters had to come by summons directly before a patent judge (see *Practice Direction Chancery* 13B(A)(i)(o) (*The Supreme Court Practice 1995* vol 2, part 3, paragraph 854)), solicitors had rights of audience on such a summons.

6 Patents judges able and willing to sit out of London

If the parties so desired, for the purpose of saving time or costs, the Patents Court would sit out of London. That also applied to any other intellectual property case. If such a sitting was desired a request should be made in the first instance to the clerk to Mr Justice Jacob (0171-936 6771), whether the matter was proceeding in a district registry or London.

7 Widening of scope and change of name of users' committee

With the consent of the Vice-Chancellor and the judges of the Chancery Division, the Patents Court Users' Committee would in future consider the problems and concerns of intellectual property litigation generally. Accordingly the membership of the committee would be widened to include another Chancery judge and a representative of the Institute of Trade Mark Agents.

Any practitioner having views concerning the improvement of intellectual property litigation was invited to make his or her views known to the committee, preferably *through the relevant pro*fessional representative on the committee.

Documents deemed held by all departments

Regina v Blackledge and Others

In appropriate circumstances, documents in the possession of any government department could be regarded as in the possession of the Crown as an indivisible entity.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Macpherson and Mr Justice Maurice Kay) so stated on November 7 in a reserved judgment allowing appeals by William Stuart Blackledge, John Paul Grecian, Brian Albert Mason and Colin William Phillips against their convictions, following pleas of guilty after a ruling by the judge, on February 25, 1992 at Reading Crown Court (Judge Spence) of conspiring knowingly to be concerned in the exportation of goods with intent to evade the prohibition on their exportation.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the arguments on appeal were based essentially on non-disclosure of relevant material by the Crown. Their Lordships were satisfied that documents which were now before the court ought to have been made available before the trial and the failure to disclose them amounted to a material irregularity.

Documents in the possession of one or other government department involved in the inter-departmental consideration of licences were to be regarded for the purposes of the instant case as in the possession of the Crown as an indivisible entity.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OT THE CREDITORS OF:
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Following a reorganisation, the assets and business of the above named companies were transferred on 31 December 1991 to a member of their group of companies. Consequently, the above named companies have become dormant. As part of a reorganisation of the group the above named companies were put into solvent liquidation by the member of the companies on 1 November 1995.

Notice that follow below are purely formal and are required pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 specified in the United Kingdom giving creditors notice of the liquidator's appointment and the steps creditors should take to register any claim they may have against the above named companies.

On 1 November 1995 the above named companies were placed in Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the members.

The liquidator gives notice (pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986) that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the Liquidator, at the above address by 12 December 1995. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A (6) that he intends making a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 12 December 1995 shortly after the date and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The companies are able to pay all known creditors in full.

Anthony Victor Lomas, Liquidator
Date: 12th November 1995.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver.
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Nature of business: Electrical Contractors
Trade classification: 5015
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Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Lloyds Bank Plc
Names of administrative receivers: David John Blenkarn, Peter Sheldon Pedroore
Office Holder No.(s): 6676 & 8600
Address: The Quay, 30 Channel Way Ocean Village, SOUTHAMPTON SO14 3QG.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE IPSWICH COUNTY COURT
NO 75 OF 1995
IN BANKRUPTCY
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DATED THIS 30 DAY OF OCTOBER 1995
Andrew D Conquest, Trustee.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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The annual general meeting of Governors will be held at the offices of The Medical Defence Union, 3 Devonshire Place, London, W1N 2EA on Wednesday 6 December 1995 at 4.30 p.m.

The Agenda will include, in addition to the Ordinary Business, the Filling of Vacancies on the College Council.

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PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 1995-96

CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK
(AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS - NOVEMBER 1995)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is intended that the Select Committee of the House of Commons which is considering the Bill under the above name or short title should consider certain amendments to the Bill the purposes of *which the following is a concise summary:-*

1.(a) Construction of works in the London boroughs of Newham, Redbridge and Barking and Dagenham to provide for an extended tunnel beneath Barking, comprising -

Work No. 22 - A railway, in substitution for parts of the railways (Works Nos 7 and 8) as described in Schedule 1 to the Bill, commencing beneath a point adjacent to Barrington Road, Newham, passing eastwards to a new tunnel portal east of Renwick Road and then terminating by a new junction with Work No 8 at a point east of Dagenham Dock station;

Works Nos. 22A to 22G - Railways being a realignment of the Tilbury Loop Railway, holding and construction sidings and consquential connecting railways;

Work No 22H - Realignment of Choats Manor Way and Hayes Wharf access road;

Work No 22J - A jetty in the River Thames at Barking Reach;

Work No. 8U(13) - A cut forming a diversion of The Gores.

(b) Construction of works in the London borough of Havering and in the borough of Thurrock, county of Essex, to provide for the realignment of the rail link in the vicinity of Mardyke Park, comprising -

Work No.23 - A railway, in substitution for parts of the railways (Works Nos. 8 and 9) as described in Schedule 1 to the Bill, commencing at Wennington Marshes west of Mardyke Park, passing south-eastwards on viaduct over the Tilbury Loop Railway (Work No.23A) then at ground level to the north of the said Park and terminating by a new junction with Work No 9 at a point east of the junction of London Road, Purfleet with the Purfleet Bypass;

Work No 23A - A railway, being a realignment of the Tilbury Loop *Railway to the west of the said Park, passing in tunnel under Work* No.23;

Work No. 23B - Diversion of Tank Hill Road, Thurrock, and associated access roads;

Work No.23C - *Diversions of Arterial Road, Purfleet, and Purfleet Bypass* at their junction and of Tank Lane and Botany Way, Thurrock, including a new road between Arterial Road and Tank Lane;

Work No.23D - A cut forming a diversion of the Aveley Sewer.

(c) Construction of works in the district of Shepway, parish of Newington and town of Folkestone, in the county of Kent, to provide for a revised connection with the Eurotunnel Railway at Cheriton, comprising -

Work No 18AA - *A railway, being an extension of the railway (Work No18A)* as described in Schedule 1 to the Bill, commencing on the western side of the M20, passing over the M20, the A20 and an access road within the Channel Tunnel Terminal and terminating by a junction with the Eurotunnel Railway within the Terminal area.

(d) Provision for the diversion of services and of public utilities' apparatus in the London boroughs of Barking and Dagenham and Havering in the vicinity of the proposed A13 trunk road partly under construction at Dagenham.

2. Provision to carry out subsidiary works; to lay out or improve means of access in locations shown on the deposited plans; diversion of overhead electric lines in Barking, Havering and Thurrock; and temporary interference with the River Thames at Barking Reach in connection with works at Barking.

3. Interference with highways including stopping up or diversion of specified parts of roads and footpaths on realignment or diversion of such highways specified in paragraph 1 above and parts of other footpaths in the areas mentioned in that paragraph as shown on the deposited plans; and closure of Tank Hill Road level crossing, Thurrock.

4. Compulsory acquisition of land within limits of deviation for the Works or within limits of land to be acquired or used shown on the deposited plans in the areas referred to in paragraph 1 above; further powers for the acquisition of land so shown for specified purposes and temporary possession and use of certain land so shown for other specified purposes. The land which may be acquired or used includes part of the Playing Fields (Barrington Road) (area 2,749 sq.m.) in the London borough of Newham and Spiders Field (Tank Hill Road) (area1,836 sq.m.) in the borough of Thurrock.

5. Stopping up of further footpaths and of road works at Junction 2 on the M2 constructed in consequence of the rail link and subsequently made redundant by the construction of the M2 widening works, comprising -

(a) stopping up of footpath NS312, in the parish of Shorne, borough of Gravesham, for a distance of 45 metres north-eastwards from its junction with Watling Street (A2);

(b) stopping up of footpath MR14, in the parish of Aylesford, borough of Tonbridge and Malling, for a distance of 120 metres westwards from its junction with Maidstone Road (A229);

(c) stopping up of all or part of Works Nos 13A (1) to 13A(4) and 13C (being slip roads described in Schedule 1 to the Bill) if Works Nos. 36A, 36C to 36F and 38F (being slip roads described in Schedule 11 to the Bill) are constructed at a later date.

6. Alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding planning permission for development authorised by Part I of the Bill in relation to buildings, underground structures and construction camps.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Plans and Sections, with Books of Reference to those Plans, relating to the areas affected by the proposed Amendments have been deposited for public inspection at the offices referred to in Part I of the scheduled list below.

Relevant Supplements to the Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summaries of those Supplements have also been deposited for public inspection and for sale at reasonable prices at each of the offices mentioned in Part I of the scheduled list marked thus* and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agent.

Copies of the Bill and of the proposed Amendments are available for inspection and copies of the proposed Amendments are available for sale at a reasonable price at each of those offices mentioned in Part I of the scheduled list marked thus* and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agent. Copies of the Bill are also on sale at Her Majesty's Stationery Office at 49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6HR.

Copies of the Bill, and of the proposed Amendments and the relevant Plans and Sections, Books of Reference, Environmental Statement Supplements and Non-Technical Summaries are also available for public inspection at the libraries referred to in Part II of the scheduled list.

The Bill has been introduced in the House of Commons as a public Bill. In the *House of Commons, the effect of an Order made by that House*, Petitions in opposition to the proposed Amendments must be presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office of the the House of Commons not later than 6th December 1995. In the House of Lords, objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and *the latest date for depositing such a Petition against the Bill may be the sub*ject of an Order made by that House, or if no Order is made, will be the tenth day after that on which the Bill receives its First reading in that House. In the latter case, if this date is a Sunday, Christmas Day or a Bank Holiday, or day on which the House does not sit, the final date for depositing may be postponed. Information about the deposit of such Petitions may be obtained from either the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, or from the undermentioned Parliamentary Agent.

Dated 8th November 1995

M P THOMAS,
Department of Transport,
Great Minster House,
76 Marsham Street,
London SW1P 4DR,
Legal Adviser.

ALISON M.H. GORLOV,
35 Great Peter Street,
Westminster,
London SW1P 3LR,
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SCHEDULED LIST

PART I

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These words of Brendan Behan came back to me as I watched Diego Maradona in the Oxford Union on Monday night, accepting a gown, a mortarboard, the gift of a 200-year-old bible, and a scroll commemorating him as the Master Inspirer of Oxford Dreams.

Cheered to the echo, he was. Making up? Forgiveness? Nothing so small. This was adulation. And Maradona, a legend in a city of legend, was quite overwhelmed. He gleamed with joy, from his diamond-studded ear to his feet; from his three-inch blond streak to the fingertips of his left hand.

He balanced a football on his head. Someone threw him a golf ball and he played keepy-uppy with that, Gucci loafers and all. He did everything right. In short, he showed himself to be a thoroughly good sport.

He had agreed to take questions from the floor from the students and, of course, it was not long before some had plucked up the courage to ask about that infamous Hand-of-God Incident, the handball goal by which England were knocked out of the 1986 World Cup. "Time has cured everything," Maradona said. Cured? Perhaps. But nobody will ever forget it.

Along with all the other how-come-you're-so-great questions came the inevitable, but crucially important one. Diego, what was your greatest ever goal? "Always I think about that famous match against England. And I think of that second goal . . ."

Of course. That impossible dribble from the half-way line past four English players. That resounding finish. Two goals that summed up Maradona, perhaps all of football, for all time. The first an instinctive, almost inadvertent bit of cheating. The second, a step beyond the merely sublime.

A year or so back, British television viewers voted it the finest goal in history. (Could Nayim's goal now be considered the only possible competition?) But the British viewers' almost masochistic choice of Maradona's goal was fascinating.

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

Forgiveness? But I suppose if you have to be beaten, it is better to be beaten either by a genius or a cheat. The one fills you with warming anger and self-righteousness: the other with a head-wagging admiration. The thing about genius and about cheating is that, in a way, you can do nothing about either. Neither behaves according to the rules.

Maradona's cheating was not of the evil, potentially crippling kind, and nobody in the game came up with anything but formal condemnation of it. There is not a footballer in history who has never stuck out a hand, to control, to shove, to hold. These little things happen, of course they do. It is more than flesh and blood can stand. "In the heat of a game your hand goes off on its own," Maradona, himself, so justly remarked. It is only when it is a crucial goal in a crucial game that people really notice it.

All the same, the goal placed a huge burden of guilt on Maradona. Was it the guilt, the desire for atonement, that caused him to embark on that labyrinthine dribble, guilt that took him past man after man, guilt that inspired the final arrowing shot? Was it guilt that inspired that crowning passage of genius?

In two defining moments, just five minutes apart, Maradona said everything that could possibly be said about the equivocal nature of genius, and of football itself. For football is a game that shows up the flaws as well as the virtues of the people who play it: shows them in fact, in a preposterously high relief.

For football, like all other sports, is as fascinating to watch for the flaws it reveals, as for the moments of perfection these people can deliver. Cantona, Hick, Atherton, Campese, Faldo, Schumacher, Navratilova: write your own list. The flaws are as compelling as the talents and, in a strange way, the flaws are an aspect of the talents.

Take the most obvious examples — the arrogance of Cantona, the competitive fire of Schumacher. They would not have committed their various crimes without such traits, but, without them, they would never have risen to such dizzy heights of achievement.

We must take our athletes all of a piece, and revel in them, slow to condemn, swift to enjoy. It has, for the English at least, been the other way round with Maradona. But at least they — we — have got there in the end. Master Inspirer of English Dreams.

Hendry aims to put Ferdinand under restraint

BY PETER BALL

WITH only one point away from home so far, the reigning champions, Blackburn Rovers, could hardly be in worse fettle as they come face to face with Newcastle United, the favourites to lift their crown. On Sunday, they produced one of their worst performances of the season to lose at Everton. Tonight, they face a team reckoned by most to be the best in the country.

Newcastle will hope to seize the opportunity to go eight points clear at the top pf the Premiership. "It's still a hard game for us," Kevin Keegan, their manager, said. "They are being written off, they are a little bit wounded, so they are a dangerous animal."

There could be no better place than St James' Park for Blackburn to rediscover the qualities which made them champions six months ago. "I think we'll play better than we did on Sunday," Colin Hendry, their Scottish international centre half, said.

"There was a great atmosphere at Everton as there will be at Newcastle. The most important thing is that we show we were worthy of winning the championship."

Much may depend on Hendry's ability to shackle Les Ferdinand on a night when comparisons between the Newcastle striker and Alan Shearer are inevitable. Blackburn can take some heart from the fact that in spite of his team's poor form, Hendry's has been unaffected. Flowers, in goal, appears to have recovered from his early season fumbles and played brilliantly at Goodison. "Whatever happens, playing against the best strikers is a challenge to be relished," Hendry said.

More worryingly for Shearer, and for Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, has been the side's inability to create enough goal-scoring chances.

That has not helped Shearer, who must be aware of the pressure for Ferdinand to be included in the England team, although the incumbent has been scoring regularly enough despite the lack of support.

"How do you assess strikers?" Hendry asked. "Over a few games, over a season, or over a whole career? Les is playing in a successful team at the moment, and he is getting more attempts on goal because they are creating them."

One encouragement for Blackburn is that Le Saux may return for his first full game since recovering from injury, giving them a left-sided player. Newcastle will again be without Lee Clark. Steve Watson, the scorer of the last-gasp goal which beat Liverpool last Saturday, or Scott Sellars, will come in.



Hendry: maintained form

Four days after Juninho's debut, Middlesbrough have another outstanding international ready to play his first game of the season.

Bryan Robson, the player-manager, is pressing himself into service against Crystal Palace in the Coca-Cola Cup replay at the Riverside Stadium because he is without six first-team players, including Juninho and Barmby.

The Coca-Cola Cup is the only trophy which has eluded Robson, who said yesterday: "I wish it was the final. I hoped I might get by without having to play this season, but I always suspected it might come to this.

"I know I'll be nervous — I always am. At least the butterflies will go once the whistle blows, and that's better than sitting on edge in the dug-out for 90 minutes."

Robson's last first-team appearance was in Middlesbrough's final home game of last season, when they celebrated promotion with a 2-1 win over Luton.

Ray Lewington, the Crystal Palace manager, is hoping his side recapture the form which enabled them to beat Leicester two weeks ago.

"If we do, we have a chance of causing an upset," he said. Unfortunately, his main strikers, Gareth Taylor, signed from Bristol Rovers, and Dougie Freedman, from Barnet, are cup-tied.



Griggs is on the ball at Nene Park, the state-of-the-art stadium where Cardiff City will be entertained in the FA Cup on Saturday. Photograph: Gill Allen

Rushden's gem lets money do the talking

Keith Pike on the modest millionaire behind the realisation of a football fantasy in a backwater of Northamptonshire

He could have been the man next door: small, undistinguished, his tie badly knotted. His shoes needed a bit of polish, too, as he strolled the deserted corridors of Nene Park last week. But then the man next door is unlikely to be as softly-spoken, charming or downright ordinary as Max Griggs. Nor as rich.

Joint 52nd and rising in *The Sunday Times* list of Britain's wealthiest individuals, he has a personal fortune estimated at around £200 million. In football, where money talks loudest, Griggs could shout for England. Yet he prefers to whisper for Rushden and Diamonds, and, if the locals had their way, he would have letters after his name as well as noughts. On Saturday, his legacy to the sport, and his community, will be granted a much wider audience.

When Cardiff City were paired with Rushden in the first round, an FA Cup tie of traditional contrasts was born: big-city barons against rural upstarts; former winners versus a team never before past the qualifying rounds. And a club with real ambition taking on one hoping to make a killing . . . Cardiff, after all, need the money.

When the Welsh club and its followers arrive in east Northamptonshire, they can be excused a sharp, disbelieving, intake of breath. Small and very nearly perfectly formed (the construction of a two-tier East Stand will complete the development), Nene Park is a modern marvel of football stadium architecture.

From the restaurants and banqueting suite to the marble staircase in reception; from the state-of-the-art gymnasium to the immaculate pitch, this is the club that Max's millions — eight and counting — built.

Griggs's dream was sparked by a telephone call four years ago, when Rushden Town were going nowhere fast in the Beazer Homes League midland division, and, a couple of miles north, Irthlingborough Diamonds were going nowhere even faster, in the United Counties League. "It was Tony Jones, the chairman of Irthlingborough," Griggs recalled. "He was coming up to retirement and asked me if I was interested in becoming involved." Smart move. But Griggs said no.

Griggs, a Northampton Town supporter for 30 years and director between 1979 and 1985, had a vision, though. A merger. Cue much gnashing of teeth. Football passions may not run hot in Northamptonshire, but the blue touchpaper of local pride was lit. The prize, however, was too big to resist. Hostilities ceased, and, in 1992, Rushden and Diamonds was born.

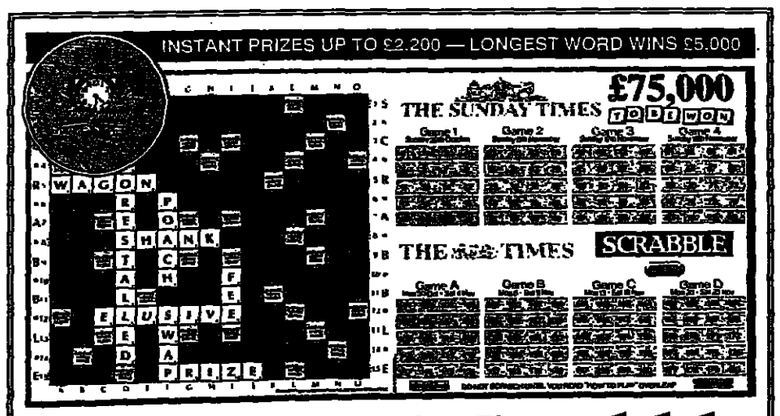
The resources, and the will, were at hand. When he retired as chairman of the R Griggs Group earlier this year — his son, Stephen, is now in charge — Max Griggs left a firm producing around 220,000 pairs of shoes, boots and footwear fashion a week, with full order books and an annual turnover of £250 million. A family business, started by his grandfather in 1901, has, thanks in no small measure to the skinhead culture of the 1970s and its liking for Dr Martens boots, developed into a hugely successful company.

It is easy to be cynical, to perceive a lust for power and even greater riches, or a desire for recognition. Easy, and wrong. For Griggs, the merger was no more than an opportunity to put something back. "I never really wanted yachts in Monte Carlo," he said. 'My roots are here. The challenge has been the creation of the club, and that's where I get my buzz. It is more than just football now, it is seeing people enjoying the facilities. And it is fun."

Griggs said he is happy, through the company, to "provide that little bit extra" for the club. Hence the soccer skills schools and supporters' coaches laid on for home matches. Supporters in wheelchairs just happen to have the best view in the stadium, too. Of course, Griggs could write out a blank cheque to Roger Ashby, the team manager, and buy a team that would sail through the football pyramid, but "we don't want to do anything obscene". In any case, Rushden are doing nicely enough, their 5-1 win over Stafford Rangers on Saturday leaving them three points clear in the Beazer premier division, with games in hand.

The targets are moderate. A place in the Vauxhall Conference by 1997, and a place in the Football League by 2000. "Reaching the first division would be nice," Griggs said. "It all gets a bit serious in the Premier League." If he walked away tomorrow, the club would continue to thrive. He does not intend to. "My father had the fun of the business," he said. "This is my baby."

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SPEAR'S GAMES

Leeds try to tempt Brolin

BY PETER BALL

TOMAS BROLIN, the Sweden international forward, flew back to Italy yesterday to consider a transfer to Leeds United after two days of talks with the Yorkshire club. Leeds are hoping to agree a fee with Brolin's club, Parma, the joint leaders of the Italian league.

"There is nothing concrete to report yet," Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, said before Brolin left yesterday. "I think the fact that Tomas is here is as surprising to him as to anybody else, and he has not had a lot of time to think about it."

Leeds do not expect Brolin to reach a decision before the weekend. If he does decide to move, a fee of something over £5 million is likely. "If this were a five-round fight, we have completed the first round and are ahead on points, but there is a lot of hard bargaining still to be done," Bill Fotherby, the Leeds managing director, said.

If the knock-out occurs, it would represent a significant coup for Leeds, who have been searching, without success, for a forward to play with Tony Yeboah, the striker, for several months. It is the second time they have approached Parma. Leeds entered into long negotiations for the club's Colombia forward, Faustino Asprilla, which finally broke down.

Brolin may be the better option. He came to prominence as the outstanding discovery in an otherwise limited Sweden team in the 1990 World Cup, and was a member of the more successful team which reached the semi-finals of the European Championships two years later. In 1994 he scored three goals in the World Cup finals helping Sweden to take third place.

He has been on the fringe of the Parma first team this season after recovering from a broken ankle, but his finishing and eagerness to run at defenders would add an extra dimension to a hard-working, but limited, Leeds side. He favours playing behind the leading striker, but his quality would also take some of the responsibility off Yeboah, and raise some question about the futures of Brian Deane, David White and Rod Wallace.

Ian Rush, the Liverpool striker, has pulled out of the Wales squad for next week's European Championship qualifier against Albania, in Tirana through injury. Rush, who was left out of the team named by manager Bobby Gould last week, was expected to make the journey as a coaching assistant.

However, he has now withdrawn from the trip. "I have a back and ankle injury," he said. "I've spoken to the club and to Bobby. He has asked me to join the squad until Monday to help out, but I will not be travelling with them when they go because the journey would not be good for my back."

Everton hope to end a 12-match ban on their striker, Duncan Ferguson, which was imposed by the Scottish Football Association (SFA), at an appeals tribunal in Glasgow today. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, and his chairman, Peter Johnson, visited Ferguson yesterday at Barlinnie Prison, in Glasgow, where the former Dundee United and Rangers player is serving a three-month sentence for an on-field assault.

They are hoping the SFA lift the ban, 11 matches of which remain, or allow it to run concurrently with the prison sentence. "I feel very strongly that Duncan should be only punished once," Johnson said.

Mouland affronted as Woosnam backs out

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN SHENZHEN, CHINA

BAD BACKS are the bane of golfers — and tournament organisers. On Sunday, Ian Woosnam pulled out of the World Cup, which starts at the Mission Hills club here tomorrow, saying that his back was bad after a last round of 77 in the Alfred Dunhill Masters in Jakarta.

Heineken, sponsoring the World Cup for the last time, are also coming to the end of a three-year deal with the Welshman to play in their events and were diplomatically sympathetic. Tony Roosenburg, the tournament organiser, said: "We're very disappointed.

"Ian's been a great supporter of ours over many years and he's never, ever pulled out of a Heineken event before. We all know flying's no good for backs and at this stage we have to believe the ailment's genuine."

Mark Mouland, Woosnam's would-be partner, was less charitable. "Bad back? He's got a bad head and too fat a wallet. He's let Wales down, he's let me down, he's let himself down and he's let his supporters down."

Mouland finished second in Jakarta and with £1 million in prize-money on offer this week he had visions of the Welsh doing rather nicely. As he said, Woosnam — who was to be paid a sum in the region of £50,000 just to appear — is not a bad man to have on your side. "Any time you play with Woosie, you think you've got half a chance if you can play half-decent yourself. In Jakarta he was still eight under par with four holes to play, so he wasn't playing badly. I rang him as soon as I heard he was going home but he said he'd made up his mind and I'd be better off playing with someone else."

Woosnam, who is still scheduled to play in the Dunlop Phoenix tournament, the richest in Japan, in Miyazaki next week, may have a little dent made in his wallet if the PGA European Tour tournament committee decides that his late withdrawal was an embarrassment to the Tour.

Meanwhile, Phillip Price, who partnered Woosnam in this event in 1991 and 1994, was heading for China as the latest of late replacements.

RFU finds common ground in open era

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FOR all its detractors, there cannot have been too much wrong with amateur rugby union if so many businessmen are prepared to invest in the sport's professional future. Newcastle, Cardiff, and now Saracens have attracted backers, while Wasps and Harlequins have talked bullishly of their ability to fund capital projects.

However, as the clubs themselves have emphasised, they need to know as swiftly as possible the framework within which they will be operating. The way forward in England, as envisaged by the Rugby Football Union (RFU), will be made known today, when the union's commission on open rugby is published, though its findings will be subject to a special general meeting next month.

Its conclusions will not be far removed from those declared on Monday by English First Division Clubs (EFDC) — "if we were a literary organisation we might sue for plagiarism," one commission member said — with the primary difference that the RFU has to rule for all 2,000 member clubs, as opposed to the 11 involved in the EFDC.

Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, has insisted that the same regulations should apply to all, large or small. "There is a lot of common ground between us and the major clubs," he said yesterday. "The greatest difference, which they recognise, is the requirement for large injections of cash and where it should come from."

The commission, though, has accepted the need to build for the new world. Thus it has broken down the present playing structure and proposes a new one which incorporates the clubs' European aspirations and builds into an end-of-season five nations' championship.

If, however, the rationale is to become effective, it requires the co-operation not only of member clubs but also of their international colleagues. Cross-border competitions must also serve the requirements of, for example, Wales and France, and, for the future wealth and well-being of the European game, it must be hoped that recent differences of opinion can be put aside.

The season will become open-ended — though rugby union should profit by the removal to the summer months of the rival code — and Sundays, when club rugby is played on the Continent, will become part of the pattern, as is the case with football. Which is not to say that everything will happen at once. This season, amateurism will be put quietly to sleep, but the existing regulations, such as the 120-day eligibility rule, will remain until April, so that clubs have the chance to put their fiscal affairs in order without the loss of too many playing assets.

Meanwhile, the competition that the RFU has eschewed for this season, the Heineken European Cup, resumed yesterday with the presence of Michael Lynagh giving it an added gloss. Lynagh, the Australia captain in the World Cup, played for Benetton Treviso against Farul Constanta. Today, Munster, the Irish provincial champions, meet Castres.

Treviso stand joint top of the Italian championship, with Milan, after their heavy defeat of Roma, when Lynagh scored 23 points. Castres, beaten French finalists last season, are in the middle of pool two in the French first division, but represent a potent threat to the Irishmen, who only just squeezed past Swansea in Limerick last week.

Echoes of amateurism remain in the traditional fixture between Oxford University and Major R V Stanley's XV at Iffley Road next Wednesday. The clutch of internationals invited by the Stanley's trustees includes Albert Cigagna, the French No 8, and Gareth Rees, the Canada captain now playing for Newport.

David Sullivan, the owner of Birmingham City football club, is considering a financial investment in Moseley, the local Courage League second division rugby union club. "We are investigating whether there is any common ground," Sullivan said.

HUW EVANS



Morris is pulled up by Sorovaki, the Fijian centre, as he drives for the line at Stradey Park yesterday

Fijians' power pack lights up gloom

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BY GERALD DAVIES

THE extended golden autumn of sunshine that the Fijians have enjoyed in Wales came to an end at Llanelli yesterday. The cloud was low, the conditions damp. But if the sun had gone in, the Fijians came out to play the best rugby of their tour so far to win by two goals, three tries, two penalties and a dropped goal to two penalties and two dropped goals.

If they are still capable of mishandling the ball and dropping from the standards expected of them, there was, nonetheless, plenty of the South Sea flavour to savour at Stradey Park. Sorovaki and Bari were the pick in the backs and Katalau and Nadolo, from the second row, were quite happy to join them in running.

Not that they left Llanelli comfortably behind. The home team gave an enterprising and tactically astute display and contributed vastly to an absorbing game. But they were young and somewhat lightweight. Five of their regular players were resting because of the international match on Saturday. Those who played had to give away too much in size and power which, ultimately, told in the final quarter when, Llanelli's energy sapped, the touring team drew away. The lineout was ruled by the Fijians and, for the first time on the tour, they were comfortable at the scrum, too.

Pearce kicked Llanelli into the lead with a penalty in the tenth minute after a brilliant opening spell of speed and movement. Then the touring team began winning possession and only two fine tackles by Garan Evans kept the visiting team out. When Llanelli appeared to have moved out of their own territory, they lost possession. Katalau strode away and gave Tawake their first try. Then Bari made ground in the narrowest of spaces and, when tackled classically by Deiniol Evans, passed inside to Bogisa for the second.

The final ten minutes of the half belonged to the home team and two dropped goals by McCarthy and another penalty by Pearce brought them level at the interval.

But, well though Llanelli were playing, they rarely came close to scoring a try. They were too often overwhelmed by a crowded Fijian defence.

Despite being fearful of failure with their kicks at goal, the Fijians did take the lead through Waqa and then Little broke in midfield to extend the advantage. Bari scored a couple of tries and Waqa found his kicking boots to score with another penalty and a dropped goal.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Penalty goals: S Pearce (2). Dropped goals: M McCarthy (2). Fiji: Tries: Tawake, Bogisa, Little, Bari (2). Conversions: Waqa (2) Penalty goals: Waqa (2) Dropped goal: Waqa.

LLANELLI: S Pearce; D Evans, N Boobyer, M Winde, G Evans; M McCarthy, H Harries, H Williams-Jones, R McBryde, S John, O Lloyd, L Williams, P Jones, G Jones, P Morris. Harries replaced by R Moon (49min), McBryde replaced by J Hyatt (67).

FIJIANS: R Bogisa; P Bale, S Sorovaki, L Little, M Bari; J Waqa, J Rauluni, J Veisayalo, G Smith, P Naulivau, I Tawake, E Katalau, A Nadolo, W Maskrewa, D Rouse.

Referee: S Lander (England).

☐ The Cardiff prop, Lyndon Mustoe, 26, will win his first cap for Wales against Fiji at the National Stadium in Cardiff on Saturday after being called up to replace John Davies, of Neath, who has a rib cartilage injury.

Fracture upsets Hamed's plans to defend

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NASEEM HAMED'S first defence of his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title, against Arnulfo Castillo, of Mexico, arranged for December 9 at the London Arena, has been postponed. Hamed has a fractured hand, it was confirmed yesterday.

Andy Ayling, a spokesman for Frank Warren, the London promoter, said that Hamed had injured his hand in training. He said that the Sheffield boxer would not be fit until the end of January. Hamed, who won the title from Steve Robinson, of Wales, in September, is not now likely to defend it until February.

The promotion at the London Arena will go on, featuring a British and Commonwealth light-welterweight title bout between Ross Hale, of Bristol, the champion, and Paul Ryan, of Hackney.

The heavyweight battle in the courts between Lennox Lewis and Frank Bruno has moved to New Jersey. Panos Eliades, Lewis's backer, together with Main Events, the American promoters behind Lewis, have applied to the state's Superior Court for an injunction to prevent the World Boxing Council (WBC) sanctioning Tyson's challenge for Bruno's WBC crown ahead of Lewis.

After reviewing the application, the judge gave the WBC until November 28 to show cause why it should not be enjoined from sanctioning any bout before Lewis's challenge.

The WBC, which made Lewis the mandatory challenger for Bruno's title after he beat Lionel Butler in a final eliminator, is holding its annual convention in Thailand and could change this decision in Tyson's favour. Bruno is also in Thailand to put his case to the committee. An application by Lewis in the High Court in London was rejected last week.

Another British heavyweight, Herbie Hide, has been ruled out of a European championship challenge against Zelkjo Mavrovic, of Croatia, because he does not want to box abroad, but in his home city, Norwich.

Chris Okoh, of Croydon, will make a quick defence of his Commonwealth cruiserweight title at York Hall, Bethnal Green, tonight against Paul Lawson, whom he stopped in the fifth round in February.

IN BRIEF

Qualifier sends Meads to defeat

STEPHEN MEADS, the national champion, was beaten in the first round of the world open squash championship in Nicosia yesterday by Craig Van der Wath, a South African qualifier, who needed just 50 minutes to dismiss him 15-11, 15-6, 15-11 (Colin McQuillan writes).

Chris Walker, under pressure for his place as the second string in the England squad for the world team championship in Cairo next week, could not deal with the aggression of Craig Rowland, the Australian fourth string for next week, who advanced to 15-11, 15-12, 13-15, 15-7.

There was a surprise victory, however, for Mark Chaloner, 23, who will earn his first England cap in Cairo. He defeated Philip Whitlock, the No 16 seed, 15-10, 15-10, 15-12 to earn a second-round match against Brett Martin, of Australia, the No 4 seed. Del Harris, 26, showed a welcome return to form by beating Juha Raumolin, of Finland, 15-8, 15-8, 15-11.

Henman wins

Tennis: Tim Henman, of Great Britain, reached the second round of the ATP Challenger event in Peking yesterday. The 21-year-old from Oxford, who captured his first national title by beating Greg Rusedski at Telford on Sunday, overcame Hai Bo Deng, of China, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Henman, the title favourite, now takes on Benny Wijaya, of Indonesia, but Mark Petchey, the No 8 seed from England, suffered a surprise 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 defeat by Michael Geserer, of Germany.

Irvin's record

American Football: Emmitt Smith rushed for 158 yards and two touchdowns and Michael Irvin equalled a 34-year-old record with his seventh successive 100-yard game as Dallas Cowboys beat Philadelphia Eagles 34-12 to stay top in the NFC East.

Branwood dies

Rifle shooting: Lt-Cdr David Branwood, a leading figure in Royal Navy rifle shooting over the past half-century, died yesterday aged 80. Branwood captained the Portsmouth Command rifle team for many years. He was a gunnery instructor at HMS Excellent, Portsmouth.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Dallas 34 Philadelphia 12.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Orlando 105 Washington 95; Utah 105 Atlanta 96.

CRICKET

CASTLE CUP (final day of four): Durban Natal 297 and 253 (A Hudson 93, M Bruyns 52; C Eksteen 4-64); Transvaal 259 and 124 (A Becher 53). Natal beat Transvaal by 167 runs. Port Elizabeth: Eastern Province 218 and 458 (K Wessels 173, D Richardson 122, G Victor 58, C Craven 4-62). Orange Free State 517-9 dec and 136-5 (W Cronje 70 not out). Match drawn. Pretoria: Northern Transvaal 344 231 (Paul Adams 6-101); Western Province 451 (B McMillan 116, J Commins 94, O Haynes 71, E Simons 54) and 126-2 (J Kallis 55, D Haynes 46 not out). Western Province beat Northern Transvaal by eight wickets.

SHELL SANDALS TROPHY (one day): Zone A: Kingston: Windward Islands 160-9 (D Joseph 48, M Gibbs 3-22). Jamaica 150-5 (J Adams 56 not out, D Morgan 32). Jamaica won by five wickets (victory target revised because of rain). Zone B: Berbice, Guyana: Guyana 296-5 (C Hooper 104, R Browne 54, S Chanderpaul 51, R Harper 44 not out; K Benjamin 3-59). Leeward Islands 234 (K Arthurton 68, M Liburd 43, D Joseph 34, S Chanderpaul 4-45). Guyana won by 62 runs (victory target revised because of rain).

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Nottingham Forest 4 Wimbledon 1.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Winsford 1 Bamber Bridge 4.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet 1 Boreham Wood 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Leicester 1 Middlesbrough 1, Port Vale 0 Huddersfield 1.

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round replay: Ruislip Manor 1 Wembley 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Rotherham 1 Hartlepool 0; Newcastle 3 Blackpool 1; Derby County 3 Scunthorpe 1; Doncaster 1 Hull 0; Wycombe Wndrs 2 Watford 2; Shrewsbury 3 Cambridge Utd 0; Southampton 1 Oxford 1; Sutton 1 Eastleigh 2; Dulwich Hamlet 0 Exeter 0.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe 1 Burscough 3.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Second round: Coventry 3 West Ham 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Criciuma 1 Botafogo 1, Goias 2 Corinthians 1; Flumirense 2 Guarani 1; Portuguesa 0 Cruzeiro 0; São Paulo 3 Parana 1; Juventude 1 Uniao São Joao 0; Bahia 1 Vitoria 1; Sport 1 Payssandu 1; Gremio 2 Vasco 1; Atletico MG 2 Palmeiras 0; Flamengo 0 Internacional 0.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Platense 0 Racing 0, Colon 0 San Lorenzo 2, Gimnasia La Plata 0 Belgrano 3, Independiente 2 Arg Juniors 0; Huracan 2 Estudiantes 2; Gimnasia Jujuy 2 Deportivo Español 1; Newell's 1 Banfield 1, Ferro 1 River 2; Boca 1 Velez 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): NY Rangers 4 Calgary 2.

MOTOR RALLYING

LOOKOUT STAGES (Derbyshire): 1, B Renwick (Sierra Cosworth) 55min 10sec; 2, A Bird (Astra) 55:27, 3, S Bloor (Escort) 55:52.

CILWENDEG RALLY (Wales): 1, M Williams (Peugeot) 9:24; 2, W Evans (Escort) 12:43; 3, A Thomas (Escort) 20:26.

COSSACK RALLY (Derbyshire): 1, R Jones (Mini) 6.00; 2, R Ashmead (Peugeot 205) 20:00, 3, R Lumb (Skoda 130) 25.00.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Handicap championships (GB unless stated): Singles: Semi-finals: F Hinshield bt R Boyle 25-23, S Kvarndal bt P Kaufbach (US) 21-20. Doubles: Semi-finals: A Anton and J Parker bt N Smithie and A Insebouch (US) 25-21, M Cox and Sir M Dunnington-Jefferson bt D Tears and J Care 25-20. Final: Anton and Parker bt Cox and Dunnington-Jefferson 25-24.

REAL TENNIS

MORETON MORRELL: NW Brown National Inter-club championship: Singles: Semi-finals: M Howard (Lord's) bt M Beard (Oratory) 6-2; P Jarvis (Cambridge United) bt J Mallinson (Oxford Seniors) 6-3. Final: Howard bt Jarvis 8-5. Doubles: Semi-finals: P and H Rawlings (Petworth) bt R Skinner and E Wood (Jesmond Dene) 8-5; Moreton Morrell (D Prophet and A Reichardt) bt F Vicat and J Morris (Oxford Seniors) 6-1.

QUEEN'S CLUB: Handicap championships (GB unless stated): Singles: Quarter-finals: S Kvarndal bt M Rowan 7-4, S Howard bt J Drabble 8-2; A Glennie bt J Snow 6-3, B Anscomb bt D Briggs 7-6. Semi-final: Kvarndal bt Howard 8-5, Glennie bt Anscomb 7-3. Doubles: Semi-finals: T Pugh and P Edey bt D Briggs and S Bonner 6-3; J Prenn and Miss C Southwell bt I West and P Allen 5-3.

RUGBY UNION

CIS INSURANCE TOUR MATCH: Llanelli 12 Fiji 38.

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: L'Aquila 10 Milan 25; Roma 17 Benetton Treviso 48, Rovigo 21 Petrarca Padua 19, Amatori Catania 25 San Dona 15; Piacenza 3 Milano 17, Calvisano 32 Livorno 34.

UNDER-21 MATCH: Central Glamorgan 33 New Zealand 30.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Royal, Dungannon 11 Rainey Endowed 8.

SQUASH

NICOSIA: World championships: First round: Men: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt J Ransome (Eng) 15-11, 15-5, 14-15, 15-3; M Zaman Gul (Pak) bt D Meddings (Eng) 15-10, 15-5, 15-11; S Parke (Eng) bt D Jenson (Aus) 15-6, 11-15, 15-11, 15-13; Z J Khan (Pak) bt P Steel (NZ) 15-10, 15-10, 9-15, 15-8; P Nicol (Scot) bt A Wagih (Egypt) 15-7, 15-6, 15-7; S Elopuro (Fin) beat M Heath (Scot) 17-15, 15-10, 15-9; A Hill (Aus) bt D Ryan (Ire) 15-11, 15-11, 15-13; J Nicolle (Eng) bt P Gregory (Gr) 10-15, 15-5, 17-15, 17-15. Dedan Women's Grand Prix: First round: M Martin (Aus) bt S Baum (Ger) 9-5, 9-4, 9-1; V Cardwell (Aus) bt T Malik (Wales) 9-3, 9-7, 9-7, S Wright (Eng) bt S Shabana (Egypt) 9-6, 9-3, 9-1; S Macfie (Scot) bt P Beams (NZ) 9-1, 9-4, 8-9, 9-4; S Horner (Eng) bt C Levine (Isr) 9-1, 9-3, 9-1, S Schone (Ger) bt H Van Hoorn (Holl) 9-0, 9-4, 9-6.

TENNIS

STOCKHOLM: Men's tournament: First round: D Prinosil (Ger) bt D Wheaton (US) 6-4, 6-4, H Holm (Swe) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; M Washington (US) bt F De Wulf (Bel) 6-2, 7-5; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 7-5, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Stark (US) 6-3, 6-1; A Pael (Rom) bt T Johansson (Swe) 6-3, 6-0.

PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: A Frazier bt N Prati (Aus) 7-5, 6-1; C Rubin bt L Neiland (Lat) 6-3, 6-3, I Spalea (Rom) bt G Fernandez 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; A Huber (Ger) bt A Miller 6-1, 6-4, M Hingis (Swez) bt M Tu (US) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, N Zvereva (Belo) bt A Coetzer (SA) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

MOSCOW: Kremlin Cup: First round: B Black (Zim) bt V Volchkov (Belarus), 6-3, 6-2; M Goellner (Ger) J Palmer (US) 6-3, 6-4; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt T Ho (US) 7-5, 7-6; J Kroslak (Slovakia) bt A Krickstein (US) 6-1, 6-2; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt F Fetterein (Den) 6-3, 7-5; S Groen (Ger) bt M Joyce (US) 6-3, 7-6, C Uwe-Steeb (Ger) bt M Sinner (Ger) 3-6, 7-6, 7-6.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: Peebok Liverpool City 3 Manchester Utd Salford 0; KLEA Leeds 2 Newcastle (Staffs) 3, Polonia Ealing 3 Wessex 1; Tooting Aquila 3 Warwick Riga 1; Sheffield 2 Whitefield 3, Team Mizuno Mallory Lewisham 3 Solent 0.

TOKYO: Women's World Cup: Brazil 3 Kenya 0 (15-0, 15-6, 15-4), Cuba 3 United States 0 (15-6, 15-6, 15-8); Holland 3 Egypt 0 (15-3, 15-2, 15-4); Canada 3 Peru 0 (15-12, 15-12, 15-10). Canada 3 Egypt 0 (15-7, 15-3, 15-11), China 3 Peru 0 (15-8, 15-1, 15-1), Croatia 3 Kenya 0 (15-4, 15-2, 15-3); Brazil 3 United States 0 (15-8, 15-5, 17-16).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket*

FA Carling Premiership
Newcastle v Blackburn (7.45)

Coca-Cola Cup
Third round replays
Charlton v Wolverhampton (7.45)
* Leicester v Bolton (7.45)
Middlesbrough v Crystal Palace (7.45)
Tranmere v Birmingham

Anglo-Italian Cup
Group A
Cesena v Luton (8.30)
Oldham v Perugia (7.45)
Port Vale v Genoa (7.45)

Group B
Foggia v Ipswich (8.30)
Salernitana v Southend (8.30)
Stoke v Brescia (7.45)
West Bromwich v Reggiana (7.45)

Auto Windscreens Shield
Southern Section
Swindon v Colchester (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Aberdeen v Falkirk
Celtic v Raith
Hibernian v Partick
Kilmarnock v Rangers

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Chorley; Droylsden v Colwyn Bay; Stalybridge v Knowsley.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Arsenal (2.0), Bristol City v Bristol Rovers; Crystal Palace v Millwall (at Dulwich Hamlet, 7.0), Ipswich v Oxford Utd (at Bury St Edmunds); Luton v Norwich. Second division: Bath v Cheltenham; Birmingham v Cardiff (7.0); Bournemouth v Newport AFC.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Everton (7.0); Notts County v Nottingham Forest (7.0). Second division: Aston Villa v Blackpool (7.0). Barnsley v Rotherham (7.0); Bradford v York (7.0); Burnley v Manchester City (7.15), Mansfield v Sunderland (7.0); Preston v Coventry (7.0).

LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Group One: First round: Cemaes Bay v Conwy, Porthmadog v Caernarfon (7.45). Group Two: Holywell v Rhyl. Group Four: Briton Ferry v Barry. Group Five: Cwmbran v Inter Cardiff.

HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Office Equipment Cup: Semi-final: Clachnacuddin v Ross County.

BANKS'S BREWERY PREMIER DIVISION: League Cup: Second round: Brierley Hill v Lye Town.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton v Taunton; Tiverton v Westbury; Torrington v Barnstaple.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Lambourn Sports v Bicester.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Raunds v Eynesbury.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Prescot v Nantwich; Rossendale v Blackpool Rovers, St Helens v Newcastle Town. League Cup: Second round: Tolley Walker v Oldham.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Sudbury v Lowestoft.

LONDON FA CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Collier Row v St Albans.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Hillingdon v Wingate and Finchley.

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second qualifying round replay: Dudley v Alfreton (7.45), Stamford v Bognor Regis (7.45).

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Uxbridge v Barnstead; Boreham Wood v Enfield; Gillingham v Fulham.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Inter Town Challenge Under-16: Manchester v Liverpool. FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Bedfordshire v Suffolk (at Leighton Town). Leicestershire v Northants (at Leicester United). FA Premier League Trophy Under-16: Cheshire v Lancashire (at Winsford 7.0). Somerset v Devon (at Taunton FC). English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: East Berks v North Avon (at Bracknell Town). English Knowles Cup: Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire (at Woodside Stadium).

RUGBY UNION

Heineken Cup
Pool D
Castres v Munster (Mazamet, 7.0)

Tour match
Edinburgh District v Western Samoa XV (at Inverleith, 2.0)

Representative match
Army v Civil Service (at Aldershot, 2.15)

Club match
Sale v Loughborough Student (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

ICE SKATING: British championships (Basingstoke)
NETBALL: International England v Cook Islands (Gateshead, 7.30)

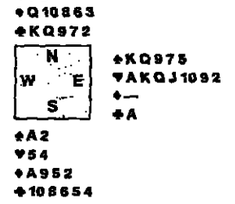
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This hand is from the round-robin phase of the recent world championships. East usually played in Six Hearts and South had to find the winning defence from a hand with two aces.

Dealer West — East - West game — IMP's



This was the auction at one table, when France played Argentina:

W	N	E	S
Monsegur	Replinger	Mooney	Soulet
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♦	1 NT	3 ♥	5 ♣
Double	Pass	6 ♥	Double
All Pass			

Contract: Six Hearts doubled, by East. Lead: Ace of Spades

It is difficult to know how to set about bidding the East hand. The One Club bid was strong and North's 1 NT bid showed the minors. When Soulet (France, South) led the ace of spades it looked as though he was on the right track. But at trick two Soulet tried to cash his other ace. As the excellent Bulletin of the event pointed out, this is wrong — East has had no support of any sort from his partner and yet has volunteered Six Hearts. It follows that he won't have two immediate losers so the spade ruff comes into the picture.

At the other table Chemla opened Two Clubs as East. West replied Two Diamonds, denying an ace, so Chemla decided to gamble on there being no second spade loser and rebid Six Hearts. Villegas led the ace of spades and took the inference that Soulet had missed — he continued with a second spade. Good play.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Fischer's favourite

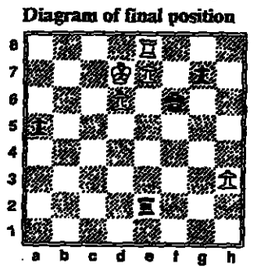
In the Owens-Corning tournament at Wrexham Maelor, Neil McDonald utilised Bobby Fischer's favourite line in the to score a convincing win against the American master Martinovsky.

White: McDonald
Black: Martinovsky
Owens-Corning, Wrexham Maelor, October 1995

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Bxc6	dxc6
5	d4	exd4
6	Qxd4	Qxd4
7	Nxd4	c5
8	Ne2	Bd6
9	Nd2	Be6
10	b3	Ne7
11	Bb2	f6
12	f4	Nc6
13	0-0-0	Bg4
14	Nf3	0-0-0
15	h3	Bxf3
16	gxf3	Nd4
17	Bxd4	cxd4
18	f5	Be5
19	Rhg1	Rhg8
20	Rg4	c5
21	Kd2	b5
22	Kd3	Rd7
23	f4	Bc7
24	Rdg1	Bb6
25	e5	c4+
26	bxc4	bxc4+
27	Kxc4	d3
28	cxd3	h5
29	R4g3	h4
30	R3g2	Bxg1
31	Rxg1	bxe5
32	fxe5	Rgd8
33	d4	Rf8
34	Rg4	Rd5
35	Rxh4	Kd8
36	Nf4	Ke7
37	Nd3	Rf3
38	Nc5	Rc7
39	d5	Kf7
40	d6	Rc3+
41	Kxc3	Rxc5+
42	Kd4	Ra5
43	Rh8	Rxa2
44	Kd5	Rd2+
45	Kc6	Rc2+
46	Kd7	Re2
47	Re8	a5
48	e6+	Kf6
49	e7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Chess for charity

On Saturday, January 20 I shall be giving a chess display, taking on all comers to raise funds for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit Appeal for St George's Hospital, Tooting. Those wishing to play or support the venture should contact Lucy DeVille, Appeal Co-ordinator on 0181-725 5096.

Times world championship book

All games of the world title match are now available with commentary by Raymond Keene in a *Times* book, *World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand* (Batsford £9.99). Credit card orders on 01376 327901 (please quote 5/655).

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TENENTE
a. A tenant
b. Musical direction "lingering"
c. A lieutenant

WICKMANITE
a. A Winchester former pupil
b. Idealist philosophy
c. Manganese and tin

SEABEES
a. Maritime insects
b. Naval engineers
c. Company bureaucrats

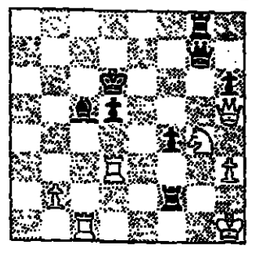
SOLON
a. A solar particle
b. Japanese farewell
c. [illegible]

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Hermann - Brun, East Germany 1974. It looks as if Black might be in trouble as his king is horribly exposed and his rook, bishop and d-pawn are all threatened. How did he turn the tables with a swift counter-attack?



Solution on page 46

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IN BRIEF

Qualifier sends Meads to defeat

Henman wins

Blood sample clouds Double Trigger's Melbourne Cup failure

Vintage Crop applauded in defeat

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN MELBOURNE

A LIFELESS run in controversial circumstances by Double Trigger was more than compensated by another inspirational effort from Vintage Crop, the Irish challenger, who barnstormed his way into third behind Doriemus after a tardy start in the Foster's Melbourne Cup here yesterday.

Double Trigger's attempt to register Britain's first victory in Australia's most famous race almost came to nothing even before he set foot on Flemington racetrack. His participation, after two "irregular" blood tests, was secured only after Mark Johnston, his Middleham-based trainer, gave an assurance that no medication had been recently administered to the Ascot Gold Cup winner.

The controversy might have hinted at what was to follow, for Double Trigger laboured from the opening strides of this two-mile contest. So, too, did Vintage Crop, who, in breaking slowly, squandered any advantage offered by his low draw.

The ensuing scramble for a prominent position was not kind to Michael Kinane. Riding Vintage Crop here for the third consecutive year, Kinane had little option but to take his mount well back in the 21-runner field.

If Kinane was surprised to find himself bringing up the rear, there was, as he later confirmed, no choice. Vintage Crop seemed so uneasy on the saturated turf that his owner, Michael Smurfit, later conceded: "When they passed the winning post on the first circuit I thought the horse had seriously broken down."

Vintage Crop still trailed the field at halfway, where Double Trigger was in close contention. However, any aspirations of victory had been expensively bought. Jason Weaver, who rode the colt, worked hard to retain his place as the field approached the sweeping turn for home. Suddenly, Weaver's green and red silks, readily identifiable by their prominence, were *nowhere to be seen as Double* Trigger was swamped by the tide swelling around him.

By this late stage, Vintage Crop had grabbed hold of his bit. His initial surge promised little more than the anonymity of a respectable finish, yet his flight was such that he threatened an improbable victory two furlongs from the finish. It was his misfortune that Doriemus, a rapidly improving stayer, chose the moment to claim fame.

The five-year-old's telling spurt punctured the resistance of Nothin' Leica Dane, a winner here as recently as Saturday, and just as certainly ensured there was no way back for the Irish hope. He prevailed by four lengths, with Vintage Crop failing by a neck *to snatch second from Nothin'* Leica Dane. Frankie Dettori, aboard the outsider Bullwinkle, threatened briefly three furlongs out before fading into tenth.

Dermot Weld, whose handling of the fragile eight-year-old has been exemplary, was left in an emotional vacuum. "He just didn't jump from the stalls and ran into traffic problems early on and again down the back straight," Weld reflected. "The plan was to sit in fifth or sixth place but Michael [Kinane] had no choice. He said he would have won if he had been able to get into a good position. Take nothing away from the winner but I am very proud of my horse. He has the heart of a lion."

Smurfit later revealed that the challenge was undertaken on his urgings. "Dermot didn't want to bring the horse back this year after he ran poorly in the Irish St Leger. But I think Vintage Crop ran better today than he did when he won two years ago. It's hard to see him coming back a fourth time but we'll wait and see how he is in the spring."

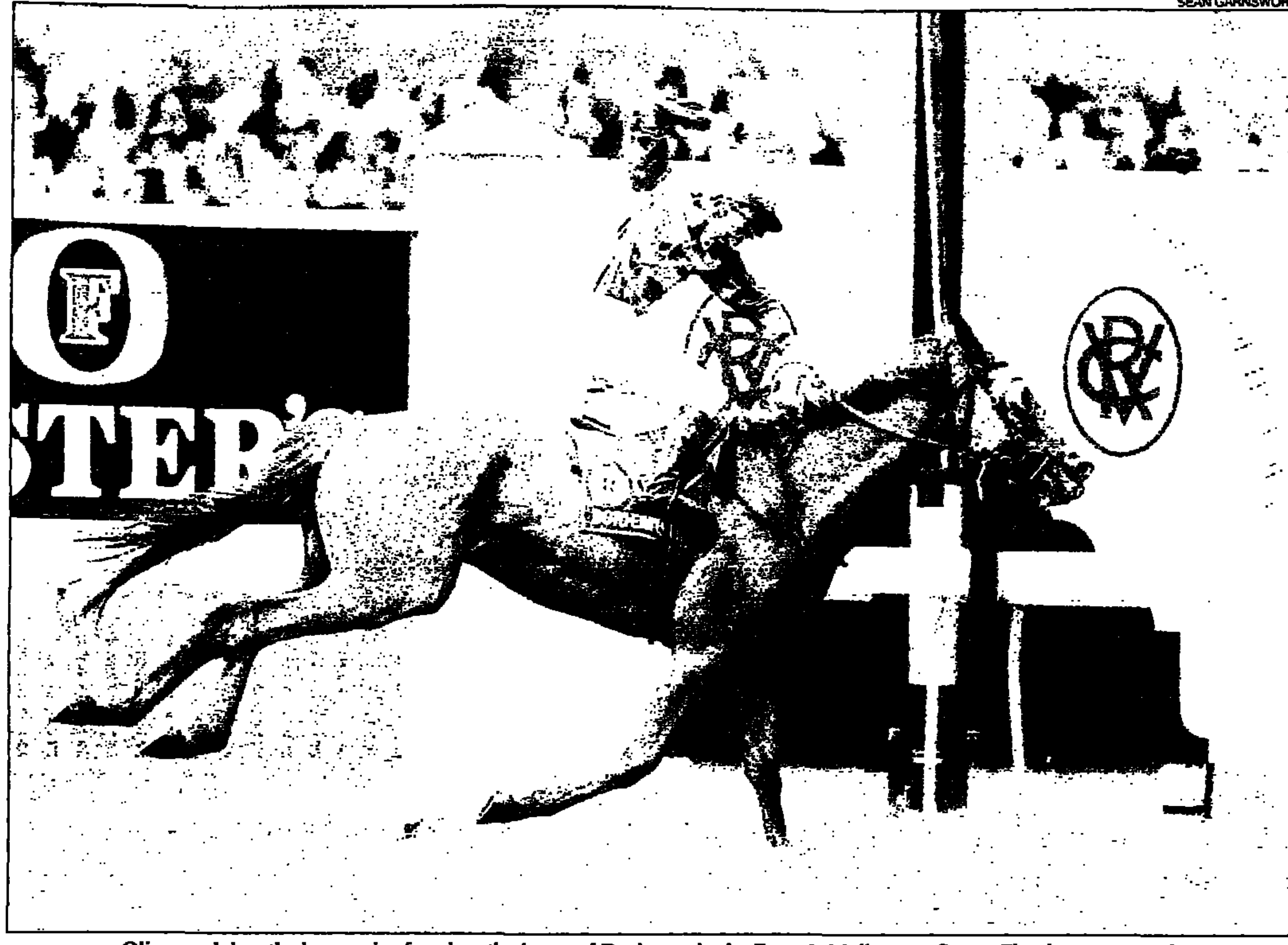
Even in this gallant defeat, Weld and Smurfit will reflect that Vintage Crop proved himself the best animal in the 135th renewal of this A$2 million handicap. No horse of his age has prevailed, and none has carried more than his nine stone to victory since Rain Lover in 1969. Yet Vintage Crop conceded 9lb to Doriemus and a massive 26lb *to Nothin' Leica Dane.*

He is a titan among stayers, a fact local horsemen expected to declare of Double Trigger, who started favourite. Johnston was visibly disturbed by his seventeenth place. "I was very unhappy early on," he said. "I could see Jason [Weaver] pushing him, slapping him down the shoulder. The ground was also soft when he ran badly in France but that can't be the only explanation. The horse seems perfectly OK. I know Jason eased him down but he hardly looks as though he's had a race."

Although Doriemus, ridden with great dash by Damien Oliver, landed a third Melbourne Cup victory for his trainer, Lee Freedman, *Europeans will remember the race* for Vintage Crop's heartbreaking third place. It was instantly described as the finest effort from a horse not to win the Melbourne Cup.

Noble though the compliment is, Weld will not be impressed. He heard the very same line when Vintage Crop ran seventh after a troubled preparation 12 months ago.

SEAN GARNSWORTHY



Oliver acclaims the impressive four-length victory of Doriemus in the Foster's Melbourne Cup at Flemington yesterday

BIG-RACE RESULT

Going: heavy

4.20am FOSTER'S MELBOURNE CUP (Handicap £660,891 2m)

1, DORIEMUS (D Oliver, 10-1), 2, Nothin' Leica Dane (S Dye, 20-1); 3, Vintage Crop (M J Kinane, 8-1), 4, Quick Ransom (M Dittman). ALSO RAN: Coachwood (5th), Beaux Art (6th), Storm (7th), It's All in Fun (8th), Dupain (9th), Bullwinkle (10th), Count Chivas (11th), Few Are Chosen (12th) Yes Indeed (13th) Electronic (14th), Jeune (15th), The Phantom Chance (16th), Double Trigger (17th), Double Take (18th), Daacha (19th), Sir Kingi (20th), Stony Bay (pu) 21 ran NR Desert Chill, Gossips 4l, nk, ½l, 4l, nk L Freedman Tote (inc A$1 stake) 9 90; 3 40, 4 80, 3 10 DF 93 20 SF 241 10 3min 27 6sec

Testing time for Johnston as he waits for results

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

MARK JOHNSTON faces an anxious wait until the results of a urine sample taken from Double Trigger shed some light on the reasons for the horse's "irregular" blood tests just hours before the Melbourne Cup.

Johnston, who professed himself "very concerned" with the development, said he could think of no reason for the alarm. A blood sample taken from Double Trigger was evaluated some two hours before yesterday's race. The first analysis yielded an irregular reading, and a second confirmed the findings. The two tests were performed 30 minutes apart.

Johnston was summoned from the pre-parade ring 35 minutes before the race to be questioned by the stewards. The rapid screening process, which does not identify specific substances, indicates to the stewards that illegal substances may be present in the bloodstream. The urine test, which will take ten days, allows for greater scrutiny.

"At one stage it was looking very serious," Johnston said. Twenty minutes before the race he could be seen deep in contemplation on the news of the test. "I wouldn't have known what to feel had the horse won the race. Should I have been happy, or worried that he had this hanging over him? I don't know if this sort of thing is common in Australia but I assured the stewards that Double Trigger had not been given any medication. We'd like to know what he has inside him although I'm pretty sure we're not talking about sedatives or anything sinister."

Pat Lalor, chief steward of the Victoria Racing Club (VRC), would not elaborate other than to say that the test was inconclusive. "The analysts don't know what's caused it and nor do we," he said. "We must now wait for the results of the urine test. Mark Johnston assured us the horse had received no treatment at all. It could amount to nothing; we've had false alarms before." He added that Double Trigger's 12,000-mile journey did not influence the VRC in allowing him to take part. It would have been most unfortunate had the degree of irregularity been such as to precipitate Double Trigger's withdrawal.

Pre-race testing was introduced last week as a measure against the use of cocktails designed to improve performance. Horses are randomly selected for testing. The procedure has already highlighted discrepancies from the norm. Thresholds have yet to be exceeded, although explanations have been sought for irregular readings.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

1.00 Sprung Rhythm. 1.30 Act Of Parliament. 2.00 Tejano Gold. 2.30 CHERRYNUT (nap). 3.00 Tykeyvor. 3.30 Gavaskar. 4.00 Flying Gunner.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

1.00 RAYBURN 300 SERIES NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,688: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 401212 SPRUNG RHYTHM 18 (BF,F) (Mrs H Dudley) K Bailey 5-11-7 ... R Dunwoody ▣
2 4 APRIL WILLOW 12 (Mrs F Roberts) M Williamson 8-11-0 ... G Hogan (5) 80
3 3-5 BARONET 12 (BF) (Mrs D Thompson) D Nicholson 5-11-0 ... A Maguire —
4 00- BASSENHALLY 292 (Thorney Racing Club) Mrs P Sly 5-11-0 ... R Marley —
5 06- JACK LEADER 358 (Mrs D MacRae) Mrs J Cecil 4-11-0 ... T Kent 87
6 4047-0 SCARLET RAMBLER 364 (E Pennacchio) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0 ... C Maude —
7 23433- STORM NORTH 160 (F Miller) Miss V Williams 5-11-0 ... C Miller 81
8 0- TARJUMAAN 198F (L Pipe) John Berry 4-11-0 ... V Smith —
9 TOMMY COOPER 44F (C Griffin, E Dawes, B Wilson) Mrs B Waring 4-11-0 E Byrne —
10 YORKSHIRE POP 235P (Mrs Yvonne Allsop) R Allsop 7 10-9 ... V Slattery —

BETTING: 2-1 Sprung Rhythm, 3-1 Scarlet Rambler, 4-1 Baronet, 9-2 Jack Leader, 8-1 April Willow, 16-1 Storm North, Tommy Cooper, 25-1 others.

1994: MEETING ABANDONED — COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

SPRUNG RHYTHM beat Romalito 15l in 6-runner novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f good to firm) on penultimate start.
APRIL WILLOW 22½l 4th of 6 to Simply Dashing in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). BARONET best effort last term 8l and nk 3rd of 17 to Maitre De Musique in National Hunt Flat race at Kempton (2m, heavy). SCARLET RAMBLER 16l 4th of 24 to Zamorston in National Hunt Flat race at Warwick (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. STORM NORTH 8¾l 3rd of 6 to Braes Of Mar in novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm). TOMMY COOPER about 10l 6th of 14 to Greycoat Boy in handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: SPRUNG RHYTHM

1.30 GLYNWED ABSENT FRIENDS CHASE
(Limited handicap: £4,824: 2m 7f) (4 runners)

1 321F25- ARTHUR'S MINSTREL 200 (F,G,S) (B Hathaway) D Nicholson 8-11-7 A Maguire ▣
2 4/5213-6 MENEBUCK 41 (F,G,S) (Lady Sarah Clutton) Lady Herries 9-11-6 ... E Murphy 97
3 332F2-P COKENNY BOY 39 (F,G,S) (S Hemstock) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-5 ... R Farrant 88
4 1/61224- ACT OF PARLIAMENT 205 (B,F,G) (J Perriss) K Bailey 7-10-7 ... R Dunwoody 97

Long handicap: Act Of Parliament 10-3

BETTING: 6-4 Arthur's Minstrel, 11-4 Act Of Parliament, 7-2 Menebuck, 4-1 Cokenny Boy.

FORM FOCUS

ARTHUR'S MINSTREL 18l 5th of 22 to Willsford in grade III Stakis Casinos Scottish Grand National at Ayr (4m 1f, good to firm). MENEBUCK 23l 6th of 11 to Hurricane Blake in handicap at Cheltenham (2m 7f 110yd, good to firm). COCKENNY BOY 13l 2nd of 10 to Scotton Banks in novice chase at Stratford (3m, good) on penultimate start. ACT OF PARLIAMENT 12l 4th of 7 to Knock Rank in novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good).
Selection: ACT OF PARLIAMENT

2.00 COALBROOKDALE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,602: 2m) (5 runners)

1 600-632 HOLY WANDERER 17 (CD,F) (Gan Partnership) T George 6-11-10 D Bentley 95
2 01-3154 TEJANO GOLD 39 (CD,G,S) (P Bradley) P Bradley 5-11-8 ... A Thornton 98
3 2P-6410 SOUTHAMPTON 22 (V,D,BF,F,G,S) (Highflyers) G Balding 5-11-5 A P McCoy ▣
4 000-343 ROYAL PRINT 18 (B,D,F,G,S) (Miss J Halford) W Muir 6-10-13 .. M Richards 96
5 580412- JOSIFINA 186 (F) (A Shenston) M McCormack 4-10-12 ... R Dunwoody 91

BETTING: 2-1 Tejano Gold, 3-1 Southampton, 7-2 Holy Wanderer, 5-1 Royal Print, 6-1 Josifina.

FORM FOCUS

HOLY WANDERER 1l 2nd of 3 to Most Equal in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, firm). TEJANO GOLD best effort this term beat Royal Circus 4l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good) with SOUTHAMPTON 10¾l 4th. SOUTHAMPTON beat Innocent George 2½l in 4-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. ROYAL PRINT 7l 3rd of 5 to Wamdha in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, firm). JOSIFINA 2l 2nd of 3 to Bayariyka in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, firm).
Selection: HOLY WANDERER

2.30 AGA WORCESTER NOVICES CHASE
(Grade II: £11,274: 2m 7f) (4 runners)

1 113P- BETTY'S BOY 215 (G,S) (R Shaw) K Bailey 6-11-1 ... R Dunwoody —
2 2-1U CHERRYNUT 4 (G,F,G,S) (Hunt & Co Ltd) P Nicholls 6-11-1 ... A P McCoy ▣
3 0/0600/ FRENCH MYLE 497 (J Brown) C Mann 7-11-1 ... J Railton —
4 0F551-1 GOSPEL 4 (F,S) (Mrs J Powell) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-10 ... C Maude 92

BETTING: Evens Betty's Boy, 9-4 Gospel, 3-1 Cherrynut, 33-1 French Myle.

FORM FOCUS

BETTY'S BOY short-head and 1½l 3rd of 23 to Miracle Man in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, soft) on penultimate start, Mar 1995. CHERRYNUT beat Linden's Lotto 3l in 7-runner novice chase here (2m 4f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. FRENCH MYLE 45l 7th of 11 to Hello Monkey in maiden hurdle at Gowran Park (2m 4f, good). GOSPEL beat Emral Miss 6l in 5-runner novice chase at Wincanton (2m, good to firm).
Selection: CHERRYNUT

3.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,478: 2m) (7 runners)

1 421522 FRONTIER FLIGHT 7 (CD,F) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 5-11-10 E Husband (5) 96
2 230- TYKEYVOR 18F (Seymour Bloodstock (UK) Ltd) Lady Herries 5-11-10 E Murphy 90
3 P53265 SAN DIEGO CHARGER 27 (In The Pink Partnership) A Barrow 4-11-5 S Burrough 87
4 6F0-1 SUPERMICK 7 (S) (Mrs J Muir) W Muir 4-10-12 (7ex) ... M Richards ▣
5 0650P0- MOST BEAUTIFUL 211 (J & J Barker) K Bridgwater 4-10-11 ... D Leahy 80
6 0P-006 MOULTAZIM 7 (M Oseman) R Price 5-10-4 ... J A McCarthy 91
7 05P- COLONEL COLT 29F (P Holder) R Dickin 4-10-3 ... D Meredith —

BETTING: 4-5 Tykeyvor, 4-1 Supermick, 5-1 Frontier Flight, 8-1 San Diego Charger, 16-1 Most Beautiful, 20-1 Moultazim, 33-1 Colonel Colt.

FORM FOCUS

FRONTIER FLIGHT 3½l 2nd of 7 to Scilly Cay in novice handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good to firm) with MOULTAZIM (8lb better off) 32½l 6th. TYKEYVOR 56l 11th of 20 to Mr Vincent in novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). SAN DIEGO CHARGER about 15l 5th of 10 to He's A King in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to firm). SUPERMICK beat Whitebonnet 8l in 15-runner selling handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good to soft). MOST BEAUTIFUL 33l 9th of 15 to Poppea in novice handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m 4f, good to firm).
COLONEL COLT dist 5th of 7 to River Junction in novice hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start, Nov 1994.
Selection: FRONTIER FLIGHT

3.30 RAYBURN 400 SERIES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,716: 2m) (6 runners)

1 253611 WEST ORIENT 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Stewart) O O'Neill 10-11-10 G Hogan (5) 95
2 3241P-3 DAWN CHANCE 9 (D,F) (G Small) R Hodges 9-11-3 ... A Tory ▣
3 P3/03-21 NEWHALL PRINCE 5 (G) (B Trubshaw) A Streeter 7-10-13 ... T Eley —
4 5/454-PP BALLAD RULER 11 (CD,G) (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 9-10-13 ... R Davis —
5 0012/3-0 GAVASKAR 21 (F) (Highflyers) G Balding 6-10-12 ... A P McCoy —
6 5/6P3-03 ON THE TEAR 20 (F Lloyd) F Lloyd 9-10-7 ... S McNeill 97

BETTING: 7-4 West Orient, 2-1 Newhall Prince, 7-2 Dawn Chance, 9-2 Gavaskar, 20-1 On The Tear, 33-1 Ballad Ruler.

FORM FOCUS

WEST ORIENT beat Crafty Chaplain 5l in handicap chase at Warwick (2m, good) with BALLAD RULER (8lb better off) pulled up 4 out. DAWN CHANCE 2½l 3rd of 5 to Wave Hill in handicap chase at Plumpton (2m, good to firm). NEWHALL PRINCE beat Valiksy 6l in novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good). GAVASKAR 18l 7th of 15 to Millies Own in novice handicap chase at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm). ON THE TEAR 20½l 3rd of 6 to Polden Pride in novice handicap chase at Hereford (2m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: WEST ORIENT (nap)

4.00 RAYBURN 200 SERIES STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£2,052: 2m) (18 runners)

1 1 MY OLD CHINA 130 (F) (Mrs G Foster) A Foster 6-11-5 ... R Dunwoody —
2 BECKY'S LAD (Mrs D Thomas) Mrs D Thomas 5-11-3 ... G Hogan (5) —
3 6- CANNON FIRE 228 (Mrs A Davies) D Nicholson 5-11-3 ... R Massey (5) —
4 65- CHILI-WAH-WAH 256 (The Ox Hill Flyers) C Smith 4-11-3 ... V Slattery —
5 3 CRAMPSCASTLE 12 (M Worcester) N Chance 5-11-3 ... Mr R Johnson (5) —
6 FLYING GUNNER (R Green) D Nicholson 4-11-3 ... A Maguire —
7 0- FORT GALE 197 (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) C Brooks 4-11-3 ... G Bradley —
8 GLAMANGLITZ (Mrs J Martin) P Dalton 5-11-3 ... A P McCoy —
9 MASTER ERIC (J Brockman) B Millman 5-11-3 ... D Salter (5) —
10 NORDIC PRINCE (T Tate) T Tate 4-11-3 ... R Garritty —
11 0- RAGDON 205 (Miss M De Quincey) Mrs A Hewitt 4-11-3 ... S Wynne —
12 RI NA MARA (M Sturgess) Mrs S Williams 4-11-3 ... S Lyons (3) —
13 5- RULING MAN 186 (S Honour) P Webber 5-11-3 ... Mr P Scott (7) —
14 STAGE FRIGHT (R Williams) D Burchell 4-11-3 ... D J Burchell —
15 STEEL MOSS (T Fiorillo) C Barwell 6-11-3 ... B Clifford —
16 4- THE TIGER HUNTER 200 (Mrs J Davenport) J Jefferson 4-11-3 ... M Dwyer —
17 JIMSISTER (Mrs B Hobbs) C Nash 5-10-12 ... J R Kavanagh —
18 0 SHADOW OF STEEL 33 (Miss J Ashby) R Stronge 5-10-12 ... B Powell —

BETTING: 9-4 Cannon Fire, 7-2 Flying Gunner, 5-1 My Old China, 6-1 Fort Gale, 8-1 Crampscastle, 10-1 The Tiger Hunter, 16-1 Stage Fright, 25-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MY OLD CHINA beat Charter head in 18-runner National Hunt Flat race over course and distance (good to firm). CANNON FIRE 13¾l 5th of 22 to Ashwell Boy in National Hunt Flat race at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). CHILI-WAH-WAH 26½l 5th of 8 to Dato Star in National Hunt Flat race at Haydock (2m, heavy). CRAMPSCASTLE neck and 7l 3rd of 18 to Riverdale Boy in National Hunt Flat race at Bangor (2m 1f, good). FORT GALE 40l 11th of 22 to Dance Beat in National Hunt Flat race at Punchestown (2m, yielding). RULING MAN 20¾l 5th of 14 to Single Sourcing in National Hunt Flat race at Uttoxeter (3m, good to firm). THE TIGER HUNTER 11½l 4th of 12 to Claverhouse in National Hunt Flat race at Ayr (2m, good to firm).
Selection: CRAMPSCASTLE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
C Mann	5	13	38.5	M Dwyer	5	17	29.4
P Nicholls	11	39	28.2	A P McCoy	15	63	23.8
C Brooks	7	25	28.0	G Bradley	9	41	22.0
D Nicholson	19	77	24.7	E Byrne	3	14	21.4
C Barwell	5	25	20.0	A Maguire	27	159	17.0
K Bailey	17	88	19.3	R Dunwoody	33	212	15.6

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

1.20 Wild West Wind. 1.50 Victor Bravo. 2.20 Hops And Pops. 2.50 Ramstar. 3.20 Go Ballistic. 3.50 Drummond Warrior.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE QUALIFIER
(£3,324: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 3-21 LE KHOUMF 32 (G) Mrs L Murphy 4-11-5 ... J Osborne ▣
2 1- CRACK ON 205 (G) P Hobbs 5-11-0 ... G McCourt —
3 0 DANNY GALE 7 Mrs M McCourt 4-11-0 ... —
4 210- WILD WEST WIND 238 (S) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 ... J F Titley —

6-5 Le Khoumf, 2-1 Crack On, 9-4 Wild West Wind, 16-1 Danny Gale.

1.50 LIONEL VICK MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,785: 3m) (6)

1 35-4 CROPREDY LAD 18 (F) P Webber 8-12-0 ... G McCourt 86
2 /4-2 VICTOR BRAVO 11 (BF,F,G) N Gaselee 8-11-12 ... J Osborne 91
3 F-03 PRECIOUS JUNO 18 (F,S) G Charles-Jones 6-10-10 W McFarland 85
4 233- FAST RUN 195 (F) J Mullins 7-10-7 ... S Curran (3) —
5 P62- I'M IN CLOVER 177 T Thomson Jones 6-10-4 M A Fitzgerald 97
6 0F/4 MISS MUIRE 25 (F,G) R Curtis 9-10-1 ... D Morris ▣

2-1 Victor Bravo, 3-1 Cropredy Lad, 9-2 Precious Juno, 5-1 I'm In Clover, 6-1 Fast Run, 8-1 Miss Muire.

2.20 TOM MASSON TROPHY HURDLE
(£4,841: 2m 5f) (4)

1 1-13 GREAT MARQUESS 11 (C,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-8 T Jenks 86
2 221- IMAD 25F (D,G,S) J White 5-11-4 ... D Bridgwater 62
3 6340 THANE 11 (F) J Jenkins 8-11-4 ... J Osborne 50
4 105- HOPS AND POPS 196 (F,G,S) R Alner 8-10-13 Mr P Henley ▣

6-4 Great Marquess, 7-4 Hops And Pops, 5-2 Imad, 12-1 Thane.

2.50 HIGHLAND FINANCE HERITAGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,701: 2m 1f) (3)

1 -334 DR ROCKET 11 (BF,F,G,S) R Dickin 10-11-10 Philip Hughes (3) 87
2 0-54 VICOSA 7 (F,S) R Alner 6-11-9 ... P Carey (3) 90
3 205- RAMSTAR 203 (D,S) P Hobbs 7-11-9 ... G Tormey ▣

6-5 Ramstar, 7-4 Dr Rocket, 9-4 Vicosa.

3.20 HALLOWE'EN NOVICES CHASE
(£3,626: 2m 4f) (5)

1 -132 BERTONE 14 (F,G) K Bailey 6-11-8 ... J Osborne ▣
2 P-12 GO BALLISTIC 18 (BF,G,S) J O'Shea 6-11-3 M A Fitzgerald —
3 -121 GOLDEN MADJAMBO 1 (D,F) F Jordan 9-11-3 ... J Lodder 75
4 P12/ MASTER RYON 589P (G) R Alner 7-11-3 ... D Bridgwater —
5 5S-F OUR WIZZER 32 (G) J Mullins 6-11-3 ... S Curran (3) —

6-4 Bertone, 7-4 Go Ballistic, 7-2 Golden Madjambo, 10-1 Master Ryon, 16-1 Our Wizzer.

3.50 COLD ASH NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,824: 3m 110yd) (4)

1 0/3- STAR RAGE 25F J L Harris 5-11-12 ... D Bridgwater 88
2 44-1 DRUMMOND WARRIOR 11 (F) T Thomson Jones 6-11-6 M A Fitzgerald ▣
3 0-24 ROMALITO 13 M Blanshard 5-11-0 ... D Gallagher 92
4 0P-1 YES MAN 8 (F) Miss H Knight 6-10-13 (6ex) ... J F Titley 98

7-4 Star Rage, 2-1 Drummond Warrior, 11-4 Yes Man, 7-2 Romalito.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Hobbs, 9 winners from 62 runners, 14.5%; K Bailey, 6 from 53, 11.3%; N Twiston-Davies, 8 from 76, 10.5%; N Gaselee, 5 from 49, 10.2%; T Thomson Jones, 3 from 30, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 37 winners from 147 rides, 25.2%; G McCourt, 11 from 71, 15.5%; M A Fitzgerald, 7 from 70, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 1.40 Sakeen, 2.10 Jemsilverthorn, 2.40 Sadly Sober, Sound Trick.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.40 Slivovitz. 1.10 Present Situation. 1.40 Catch The Lights. 2.10 Wingnut. 2.40 Sadly Sober. 3.10 Jaraab. 3.40 Dance So Suite.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 DANCE SO SUITE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.40 MR FROSTY (nap). 3.10 La Brief. 3.40 River Keen.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.40 ROTHER APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(Div I: £2,267: 7f) (13 runners)

101 0011 SET THE FASHION 6 (V,CD,F,G,S) D Williams 6-10-3 (7ex) R Studholme 3
102 0600 INVOCATION 6 (CD,F,G) A Moore 8-10-0 ... A Lakeman 10
103 0000 MILOS 38 (CD,F,G) T Naughton 4-9-9 ... T Ashley 2
104 3040 MR FROSTY 78 (CD,G) W Jarvis 3-9-7 ... Elizabeth Turner 6
105 10-0 MISS MERCY 204 (S) C Allen 3-9-7 ... Jo Hannam 7
106 0250 PHARAOH'S DANCER 29 (C,G,S) P Burgoyne 8-9-4 D Sweeney 5
107 0033 SLIVOVITZ 9 (V,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-12 ... J Fowle (5) 11
108 1000 FORT KNOX 69 (CD,F,G) R Flower 4-8-7 ... C Scudder 8
109 0604 BENJAMINS LAW 23 J Pickering 4-8-2 Joanne Webster (5) 1
110 0600 ASTROJOY 44 S Knight 3-7-13 ... M Nutter 12
111 4500 ANJOMAJASA 15 J Ffitch-Heyes 3-7-10 ... T Field (5) 9
112 0060 MUTINIQUE 20 (D,S) B Pearce 4-7-7 ... C Lowther 13
113 5000 PAIR OF JACKS 163J (G) D Wilson 5-7-7 Rachael Moody (5) 4

3-1 Set The Fashion, 7-2 Slivovitz, 4-1 Benjamins Law, 5-1 Mr Frosty, 6-1 Pharaoh's Dancer, 7-1 Astrojoy, 10-1 Invocation, 12-1 others.

1.10 ROTHER APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(Div II: £2,263: 7f) (12)

201 2201 OLD HOOK 101 (CD,F,G,S) P Smith (Bel) 4-10-1 A Lakeman 7
202 0452 PRESENT SITUATION 6 (CD,BF,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-12 R Pooch (5) 1
203 3604 DANCING HEART 6 (B,CD,G) B Meehan 3-9-9 G Hannon (5) 10
204 1044 ANZIO 8 (B,F,G) B Pearce 4-9-9 ... C Lowther 3
205 6200 BLASTED 19 (F) R Hannon 3-9-2 ... E Greehy 8
206 3000 FACE THE FUTURE 42 (S) S Dow 6-9-0 .. P Brookwood (5) 5
207 3064 MONTONE 6 (D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 5-8-8 ... Sally Wall (5) 6
208 0000 GREEN GOLIGHTLY 29 (F,S) D Wilson 4-8-4 Rachael Moody (5) 12
209 0405 WOOLVERSTONE HALL 109 D Murray Smith 3-8-1 D Sweeney 2
210 4040 MYJINKA 67 (B,C,G) J O'Donoghue 5-7-13 Gaye Harwood 11
211 0050 BARBRALLEN 30 D Wintle Davis 3-7-9 ... R Studholme 9
212 00-0 AIR OF MYSTERY 29 N Berry 3-7-7 ... Jo Hunnam 4

5-2 Present Situation, 7-2 Dancing Heart, 4-1 Anzio, 9-2 Montone, Blasted, 16-1 Myjinka, 20-1 others.

1.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WYE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,566: 1m) (12)

301 BE SATISFIED A Moore 9-0 ... R Cochrane 5
302 GENERAL HENRY A Moore 9-0 ... Candy Morris 11
303 2505 LAUGHING BUCCANEER 18 (B) B Meehan 9-0 .. J F Egan 10
304 00 LORD ELLANGOWAN 23 R Ingram 9-0 ... W Newnes 8
305 5040 MAKASKAMINA 26 P Mitchell 9-0 ... C Adamson (5) 4
306 50 MOUNTAIN DREAM 40 P Cole 9-0 ... C Rutter 9
307 6432 ROMAN GOLD 50 R Hannon 9-0 ... R Perham 7
308 4500 SAKEEN 11 (V) P Smith (Bel) 9-0 ... T Ives 12
309 0 STEAMROLLER STANLY 42 C Cyzer 9-0 ... G Duffield 6
310 6 CATCH THE LIGHTS 20 R Hannon 8-9 ... Mark Denaro (7) 2
311 00 FRAN GODFREY 11 P Walwyn 8-9 ... D Harrison 3
312 4 REPLOY 22 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... S Sanders 1

7-2 Roman Gold, Catch The Lights, 9-2 Reploy, Mountain Dream, 6-1 others. Godfrey, 13-2 Laughing Buccaneer, 12-1 Makaskamina, 14-1 others.

2.10 MEDWAY CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,067: 6f) (9)

401 6502 RED ACUISLE 11 G Lewis 9-3 ... A Whelan (5) 3
402 005 GOLDSEARCH 16 W O'Gorman 8-10 ... Emma O'Gorman 1
403 0 CASINO CHIP 18 T Clement 8-7 ... G Faulkner (7) 8
404 2545 MOI CANARD 41 (D,F,G) J Berry 8-7 ... P Fessey (5) 6
405 5060 JEMSILVERTHORN 11 (V) J Bridger 8-5 ... A Daly (7) 4
406 00 RIVIERE ROUGE 137 S Knight 8-4 ... N Varley (3) 2
407 2530 WINGNUT 39 (BF,G) G Lewis 8-2 ... M Baird (5) 5
408 0 RISING STREAM 16 M Prescott 8-0 ... G Duffield 7
409 3220 SAINT ROSALINA 22 (J) C Hill 8-0 ... G Bardwell 9

9-4 Goldsearch, 3-1 Red Acuisle, 9-2 Moi Canard, 5-1 Saint Rosalina, 6-1 Wingnut, 7-1 Jemsilverthorn, 25-1 Rising Stream.

2.40 HOBSONS PUBLISHING PLC RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,713: 6f) (11)

501 0-00 VLADIVOSTOK 21 B De Haan 5-9-1 ... M Henry (5) 2
502 600- CHOCOLATE CHIP 403 B Pearce 3-9-0 ... S Sanders 1
503 0646 DUKE VALENTINO 21 R Hollinshead 3-9-0 ... T Ives 11
504 0000 IL FURETTO 89 J King 3-9-0 ... N Varley (3) 3
505 2200 NORTHERN GREY 47 (V) J Berry 3-9-0 ... P Roberts (7) 10
506 6-00 RISKY ROYAL 19 T Naughton 3-9-0 ... J D Smith (5) 8
507 000- DIAMOND BANGLE 379 C Elsey 3-8-9 ... R Cochrane 9
508 -560 FALLAL 9 K McAuliffe 3-8-9 ... G Duffield 5
509 2-40 SADLY SOBER 28 (B) P Cole 3-8-9 ... C Rutter 6
510 0500 SHARP HOLLY 29 J Bennett 3-8-9 ... W Newnes 4
511 6500 SOUND TRICK 36 (V) G Bravery 3-8-9 ... S Whitworth 7

5-2 Duke Valentino, 7-2 Northern Grey, 9-2 Risky Royal, 5-1 Sadly Sober, 6-1 Fallal, 14-1 Chocolate Chip, 16-1 Sound Trick.

3.10 SALAMANDER BOOKS HANDICAP
(£2,877: 2m) (14)

601 0003 JARAAB 25 (V,CD,G) G Lewis 4-9-10 ... S Whitworth 9
602 3005 EXHIBIT AIR 16 (B,C,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-9 ... S Sanders 6
603 2023 ISMENO 118 S Dow 4-9-7 ... A Daly (7) 4
604 0000 ACCESS CARNIVAL 19 R Boss 4-9-0 ... G Duffield 12
605 3242 UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 55 (BF,F,G) C Brittain 5-9-0 M Henry (5) 8
606 4003 DODDINGTON FLYER 5 (G) R Hollinshead 3-8-8 R Cochrane 11
607 2236 HEVER GOLF LADY 76 (CD,G,S) T Naughton 3-8-8 D Harrison 5
608 4500 DOCKLANDS COURIER 48 B McMath 3-8-7 ... M Rimmer 1
609 0003 WHAT'S SECRETO 6 (V) P Kelleway 3-8-6 ... A Whelan (5) 2
610 0552 ENDLESS FANTASY 76 C Cyzer 3-8-4 ... D Biggs 3
611 5130 COLERIDGE 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Sheehan 7-8-3 .. N Varley (3) 13
612 -001 LA BRIEF 6 (S) M Ryan 3-8-3 (5ex) ... G Bardwell 10
613 -005 DON'T GIVE UP 6 (B,F) P Burgoyne 7-7-13 ... J Quinn 7
614 -000 KENTAVRUS WAY 19J (C,G) A Moore 4-7-12 ... N Adams 14

7-2 Upper Mount Clair, 5-1 Jaraab, 6-1 What's Secreto, 7-1 La Brief, Doddington Flyer, 8-1 Coleridge, 10-1 Hever Golf Lady, 12-1 others.

3.40 THAMES HANDICAP
(£3,725: 1m 2f) (12)

1 3-02 MAGIC JUNCTION 18 (G) Lord Huntingdon 4-10-0 D Harrison 9
2 0600 SOUTH EASTERN FRED 23 (CD,F,G) H Collingridge 4-9-13 M Rimmer 5
3 5100 ABLE CHOICE 41 (C,G) R Armstrong 5-9-11 ... R Price 7
4 4050 KINTWYN 15 (C,G) C Elsey 5-9-8 ... R Cochrane 2
5 2232 BALASARA 27J (B) D Elsworth 5-9-7 ... A Procter (5) 11
6 4040 ONE OFF THE RAIL 49 (CD,F,G) A Moore 5-9-4 Candy Morris 1
7 0050 RIVER KEEN 22 (D,F) R Armstrong 3-9-3 ... W Woods 3
8 0000 SCHARNHORST 6 (F,G) S Dow 3-8-9 ... A Daly (7) 8
9 3515 DANCE SO SUITE 22 (D,F,S) P Cole 3-8-5 ... C Rutter 4
10 2040 TALENTED TING 45 (D,F,G) P Haslam 6-8-5 ... D McKeown 6
11 0620 SCISSOR RIDGE 15 (G) J Bridger 3-7-8 ... M Baird (5) 12
12 300- SIR OLIVER 435 (G) B Pearce 6-7-7 ... N Adams 10

11-4 Magic Junction, 3-1 Balasara, 5-1 Scissor Ridge, 8-1 Able Choice, Dance So Suite, 9-1 Talented Ting, 10-1 Kintwyn, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 8 winners from 31 runners, 25.8%; G Bravery, 5 from 20, 25%; P Cole, 23 from 95, 24.2%; M Prescott, 22 from 93, 23.7%; Lord Huntingdon, 33 from 152, 21.7%; J Berry, 20 from 92, 21.7%.

JOCKEYS: M Rimmer, 9 winners from 42 rides, 21.4%; Emma O'Gorman, 39 from 185, 21.1%; D McKeown, 25 from 127, 19.7%; G Duffield, 28 from 144, 19.4%; Mark Denaro, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Ludlow

Going: firm

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, Nothingtodowithme (R Dunwoody, 8-15 fav); 2, Coxwell Steptoe (7-4); 3, Roger De Mowbray (25-1). 4 ran. 2½l, 10l. T Forster. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1 10. CSF: £1.81.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, Fairy Park (Jacqui Oliver, 9-4); 2, Trust Deed (8-1). Bankroll 4-9 fav (f). 3 ran. NR: John Roger. 1¾l. H Oliver. Tote: £3 70. DF: £5.80. CSF: £10.32.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Exclusion (G Tormey, 7-2); 2, Green's Seago (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Dragonmist (3-1 jt-fav). 6 ran. NR: Scorched Air. 2½l, 8l. J Hetherton. Tote: £6 00; £2 00, £1.90. DF: £7.60. CSF: £13.15.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Golden Madjambo (J Lodder, 2-1); 2, Super Sharp (10-11 fav); 3, Trusmo (10-1). 4 ran. 12l, 14l. F Jordan. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £4 05.

3.15 (2m ch) 1, Rupples (W Worthington, 5-2); 2, Cyril Henry (9-4); 3, Circulation (11-8 fav). 4 ran. 3½l, 12l. M Chapman. Tote: £3.30. DF: £3 60. CSF: £7.55.

3.45 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Lajadhal (L Harvey, 100-30); 2, Villains Brief (15-8 fav); 3, Lady Breyfax (25-1). 5 ran. 1¾l, 14l. K Bishop. Tote: £4.10; £2.00, £1.30. DF: £3 40. CSF: £9.54.

4.15 (2m flat) 1, Gracefield (Mr R Johnson, 13-8); 2, Legal Lord (3-1); 3, Professor Page (6-4 fav). 7 ran. 2l, 10l. N Chance. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £2.10. DF: £3.70. CSF: £6.85.

Placepot: £184.70.

Quadpot: £21.60 (0.25 winning tickets. Pool of £21.90 carried forward to Lingfield Park today).

Sedgefield

Going: good to firm, firm in places

1.00 (3m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Belzino (Miss P Jones, 6-1); 2, Stretchit (14-1); 3, Kingswood Kitchens (8-1). Desert Force 85-40 fav. 7 ran. Dist, 7l. N Tinkler. Tote: £6.20; £3.10, £4.40. DF: £41.70. CSF: £63.77.

1.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Paddy's Return (M Dwyer, 15-8 fav); 2, Eden Dancer (100-30); 3, Samaka Hara (10-1). 12 ran. 8l, 11l. F Murphy. Tote: £2 80; £1.50, £1 10, £3 40. DF: £6.90. Trio: £28.80. CSF: £8 86.

2.00 (3m 3f ch) 1, Iffeee (A Maguire, 8-13 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Russian Castle (7-2); 3, Doxford Hut (11-1). 5 ran. NR: Fettuccine. 3l, 8l. P Bowen. Tote: £1.70; £1.50, £1 70. DF: £2 80. CSF: £3.24.

2.30 (2m 1f ch) 1, Highland Poacher (D McCain, 16-1); 2, Briar's Delight (11-8 fav); 3, His Way (2-1). 6 ran. 1¼l, 1l. D McCain. Tote: £16.70; £3 40, £1.70. DF: £16.30. CSF: £36.87.

3.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Joe White (A Maguire, 9-4 fav); 2, Crafty Chaplain (5-2); 3, Another Red (8-2). 6 ran. 20l, 2½l. J Johnson. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £2 30. DF: £4.30. CSF: £7.72.

3.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Magsiad (A Roche, 2-5 fav); 2, Millies Image (9-1); 3, Mighty Express (8-1). 5 ran. 3½l, dist. J J O'Neill. Tote: £1.30; £1 10, £2 40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £4.51.

4.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Rich Desire (A Maguire, 4-5 fav); 2, Goldmire (13-8); 3, Escape Talk (50-1). 6 ran. 15l, 20l. F Murphy. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1 60. CSF: £2.35.

Jackpot: £20,406.90.

Placepot: £59.50. Quadpot: £6.90.

RICHARD EVANS

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Hobbs to retire

Peter Hobbs has been appointed Jockey Club inspector of courses for the Midlands area and will replace Neil Wyatt, who retires next April. "I aim to retire from the saddle in the new year, although I can assure everyone that I will ride with my usual determination between now and that time."

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Wasim working to swing sentiment

Michael Henderson finds the Pakistan captain keen to take the heat out of the series in Australia

MIKE HEWITT/ALLSPORT



Wasim Akram, a great bowler in a second spell as his country's captain, is pledged to redeem the reputation of Pakistan cricket

The captaincy of Pakistan should carry a health warning. Given the demands of the job, in a land where cricket often seems to be foreign policy continued by other means, nobody can expect to do it for long and few do. Since the Berlin Wall came down there has been nothing to touch Pakistan cricket for double dealing and mendacity yet Wasim Akram has just accepted the job for the second time. There must be a reason.

In the short term it is a purely practical one. He wants to sort out a sorry mess. A year after beating Australia at home in a Test series disfigured by retrospective allegations of bribery, and counter-allegations of lying, Pakistan are paying a return visit. Already there is an unresolved ball-tampering row fouling the air, just what everybody wanted before the first Test, which starts in Brisbane tomorrow.

But it is the longer term responsibility that interests Wasim who, at 29, is at the height of his considerable powers. He knows the image of Pakistan cricket is poor and admits: "My main mission is to restore our reputation". For everybody's sake he must succeed, or else the cricket world could be torn asunder.

Until the ICC becomes a truly executive body, instead of a talking-shop, the responsibility lies with the players of all countries to do what is best for the game. Wasim, wiser than when he first took the job three years ago, is keen to play his part and nobody doubts where Mark Taylor, his Australian counterpart, stands.

Wasim, ever courteous, cuts an urbane figure. Listening to him talk about the three Tests that lie ahead, one almost forgets that the teams taking part are cricket's bitterest enemies, with a charge sheet that stretches back 20 years. He prefers to recall the friendly spirit that prevailed in Pakistan last year, notwithstanding its unsavoury consequences, and hopes that spirit can be revived.

He is confident he has "got" the dressing-room. "The politics has gone and this really looks like being a fresh start. There used to be groups within the team but people have realised there were mistakes made. This is not a school team any more, where people are told 'do this and do that'. Everything is much more professional and so long as people give all they have, then nobody can complain".

Wasim can set an example with his own bowling which, nobody needs reminding, is magnificent. There have been few bowlers in history as supremely talented as he is, an absolute master of his craft. Furthermore, without bragging, he knows it and has trained his sights accordingly.

"I am aiming for the world record number of Test wickets," he said. "There's no point just saying 'I'll try to get 350' and ending up with 320. I have 270 and at 29 I still have three or four years to take another 160. My action doesn't take that much out of me. I don't need to run 20 yards, like some fast bowlers, and I am enjoying bowling with the new ball. Just by altering my wrist action I have learnt how to swing it more, into the batsman as well as away."

Indeed Wasim can swing the ball, old or new; cut it; operate on either side of the wicket, off short run or long; and exploit changes of flight, length and angle. He can fox batsmen with as many different types of ball as there are balls in an over. This is what makes him such a rare, possibly unique figure in Test history.

Confident in his own ability, he is trying to instil the same quality in a team that has just lost a home series, somewhat ignominiously, to Sri Lanka. "I have told the six batsmen they will play. If they know they are not on trial they will have more confidence to play their natural game. This team is the cream of Pakistan cricket and although it is a hard game they need to enjoy it."

As ever, they have the knack of finding players in unsuspected places. The latest is Mohammed Akram, 21, a fast bowler from Rawalpindi, who replaced the injured Waqar Younis against Sri Lanka. During a spell with Gloucestershire's second team he was coached by Courtney Walsh, whose high arm action he has moulded on to a delivery that owes something to Michael Holding. There is also talk of a 17-year-old fast bowler, Mohammad Zahid, who is not here but has shown promise during practice sessions at home. He will get his chance sooner rather than later.

"You can't just wait until these bowlers are 25 and then pick them then," Wasim, who was thrown into international cricket as a teenager and prospered, said.

At the moment he is speaking in the present tense, determined to soften the hard public edges of Pakistan cricket. "We play very aggressively but we must be aggressive in the right way. I think this series will be friendly. The teams have known each other for some time and everybody got on well last year. We will not do anything daft on the field and may the best team win."

RADIO SHOW

An update on the Crusades

Crusade: The Road to Byzantium. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

I have heard only snippets from Norman Winter's two-part documentary about Christendom's so-called holy wars against the infidel. But this much seems clear: this is much more than a chronological profit-and-loss account of who did what to whom, and why, where and how. The snippets suggest that Winter's objectives were to give Christian and Muslim equal air time, and put the Crusades into a perspective that brings their legacies up to date. He has achieved the first objective by pairing a Christian (Martin Palmer) with a Muslim (Fazlun Khalid), and sending them off on the Crusaders' trails. The second is attained by ensuring that the two good companions meet people who have learnt that today is an updated yesterday and that tomorrow never comes.

Purcell's London. *BBC World Service, 9.30pm.*

Robert King squeezes this account of Purcell's music and city into 30 minutes of air time. What we hear tonight is just the first instalment of five. It is an appetiser and, as such, is skilfully done. Starting with Purcell's teenage years as chorister in the Chapel Royal, Whitehall; it ends with his funeral in Westminster Abbey — the same abbey in which he was organist for five years. The musical extracts are from his church music. In the coming weeks, we will be reminded — as Radio 3's *Fairest Isle* has been reminding us for many months — of Purcell's astounding versatility.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** *The Nat* **2.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Best Bits from Last Week's Radio **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Ed Doolan **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd **8.00** Fisher's Folk Steps **8.30** Lucie Skeaping's Jewish Music **9.00** A Passage Through India **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl at **10.35** Euronews; and at **11.00** News; Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf: *The Endless Knot* **7.30** Discovery **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Vail of Happiness **8.45** The Secret Life of a Song **9.00** News in German **9.15** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sport **10.00** New **10.30** English **10.45** Off the Shelf: *The Endless Knot* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Meridian **12.00** News **12.05pm** Business **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Composer of the Month **1.00** News **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **3.00** News in German **3.15** Greenfield Collection **4.00** News **4.15** World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Sport **6.00** News **6.30** News in German **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Faith **7.30** Multitrack **8.00** News **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Britain **9.30** Purcell's London: See Choice **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.10am** Pop Short **11.15** Sport **11.45** From Our Own Correspondent **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Secret Life of a Song **12.45** Britain Today **1.00** News **1.10** Press **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Just a Taste **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.30** Sport **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Assignment **4.00** News **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene. **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather
6.00 On Air. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G); Brahms (Piano Sonata No 3 in F minor, Op 5); **7.05** *Symphony Series:* Mozart (Symphony No 19 in E flat); Onslow (String Quintet in E, Op 39); Handel (Coronation Anthem No 1: Zadok the Priest); Bantock (Fifine at the Fair)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Rossini (Overture: William Tell); Anon (Two Estampies); Duparc (La Vie antérieure); Lalo (Symphonie espagnole)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Weber (Overture: Oberon); Miroslav Statkic (Old Serbian song); **10.30** *Artist of the Week:* Gwydion Brooke, bassoon. J.C. Bach (Concerto in B flat); **10.55** Christopher Shaw (Music, when soft voices die); Lambert (Ballet: Tiresias)
12.00 Fairest Isle: Composer of the Week. Bridge (Goldenhair; Piano Sonata; Rhapsody: Enter Spring)
1.00pm Concert Hall. The Argentinian pianist Nelson Goerner plays Chopin
2.00 Schools: Together **2.20** Time and Tune **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Midweek Choice. Haydn (Missa brevis in F); Lukas Foss (Three American Pieces)
4.00 Choral Evensong, from St George's Chapel, Windsor
5.00 The Music Machine. Tommy Pearson finds that playing hocket is not just a musical pastime from 12th-century Paris
5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas Mozart (Overture: Die Entführung aus dem Serail)
6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert, from the Wigmore Hall, London. I Fagiolini perform music by Monteverdi, D'India, Janequin, Byrd, Weelkes, Britten, Spicer, Brooks and Flanders and Swann
7.00 In Tune, part two. Dvořák (Nocturne in B, Op 40)
7.30 Fairest Isle: William Walton. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under David Shallon. Berlioz (Overture: Béatrice et Bénédict); Walton (Cello Concerto); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique)
9.05 Hope and Glory. An exploration of the cultural politics of British musical life with Simon McVeigh
9.20 Zehetmair's Bach. Sonata No 2 in A minor
9.45 Fairest Isle: William Walton. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins. Walton (Variations on a Theme by Hindemith Symphony No 2)
10.45 Night Waves: Lisa Jardine looks at the work of the architect Terry Farrell, who has changed the face of London with the redevelopment of Charing Cross and the MI5 building
11.30 Voices. Iain Burnside goes to the Wigmore Hall, London, to introduce and perform in the first of a series of recitals. Janice Watson, soprano; Iain Burnside, piano. Including music from Liszt, Strauss and Rachmaninov
12.30am-12.40 Fairest Isle: Catch as Catch Can. Bawdy songs by Purcell
1.00-1.30 Night School. GNVO

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day,* with the Rev Alan Reid **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* correspondent Libby Purves and guests
10.00-10.30 News; Just a Part of the Furniture (FM only). The Bath (2/3)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only) The Scottish Revolt and the seeds of the Civil War
10.30 Woman's Hour Introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *Ladder of Years.* Liza Ross reads Anne Tyler's portrait of a heroine of our time. Abridged by Pat McLoughlin (11/13)
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time. Questions from members of the Saughall Gardening Club in Cheshire (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours With Chris Choi
12.25 Moving Breaking Up. Final episode in Nell McKay's comedy drama series **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; 4 New Comedies on 4: Bill and Koo, written by Janet Paisley and Graham McKenzie
2.45 Treasure Islands, Series about children's books, presented by Michael Rosen
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini reviews director Beeban Kidron's new film and sees Keanu Reeves in *A Walk in the Clouds*
4.45 Short Story: A Chemical Cat. Margaret Tyzack reads Mary Jones's story
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz The London team faces a team from the North in a return match (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Points of Departure. Michael Buerk examines why James Cameron's writing is so highly regarded. With readings by Studs Terkel and John Tusa (1/7)
7.45 Crusade. See Choice
8.30 UK plc. Dieter Helm continues his analysis of British economic life (4/6)
9.00 Costing the Earth, presented by Mark Whitaker
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Janet Cohen
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Right Set, by Nigel Williams. Nigel Anthony reads the first of three episodes (r)
11.00 Late Edition (4/6)
11.30 Beachcomber . . . by the Way, with Richard Ingrams, John Wells, Joan Sims and June Whitfield (r)
12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: Dr Haggard's Disease. Patrick McGrath reads from his most recent book (3/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service (LW only)**

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Malcolm finds fast track back into Test reckoning

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DEVON MALCOLM made the England batsmen duck for cover in the nets at Kimberley yesterday and was rewarded with a pat on the back from Raymond Illingworth, the tour manager.

Given a reasonably quick and bouncy pitch on which to bowl for the first time since arriving in South Africa nearly three weeks ago, Malcolm showed what he could do.

It was an uncomfortable yet valuable experience for some of his team-mates. Illingworth, watching from behind the net, had every reason to enjoy the practice session. "That's the first time you've seen Devon come off his long run and put it in," the manager said. "If he can bowl like that I'll be happy. He looked quite impressive today."

Words of praise for Malcolm have been uttered infrequently on this tour. Illingworth and Peter Lever, the bowling coach, announced last week that they had abandoned their experiment to change the Derbyshire bowler's action, indicating he was either unable or unwilling to co-operate.

There is no doubt, however, that the England management wants the 32-year-old strike bowler to prove he is worth a place in the first Test next week. One encouraging net session will not settle the argument, but a good performance against South Africa A in the four-day match starting tomorrow would almost certainly suffice. "It is a big game for Devon," Illingworth said.

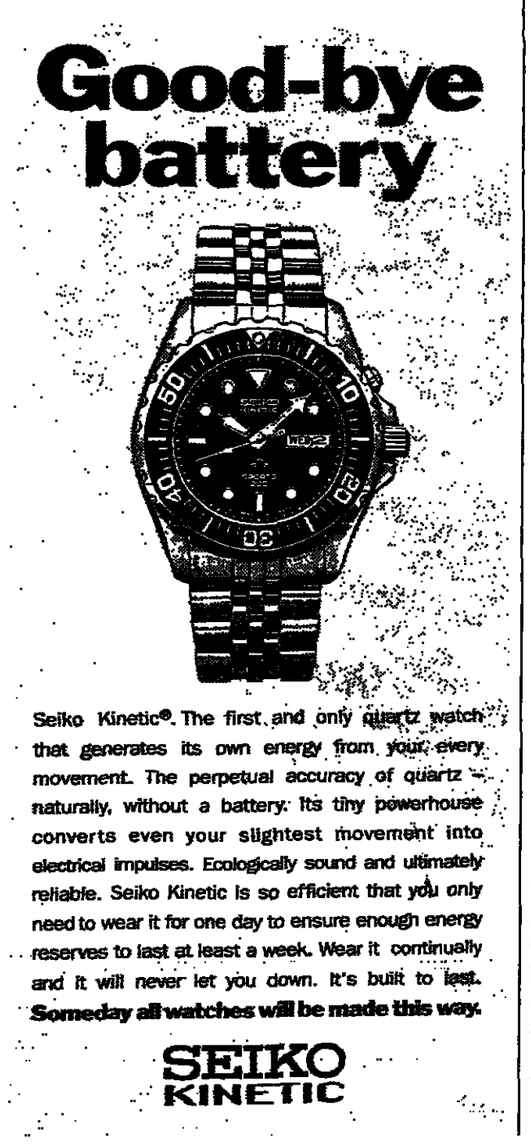
The good news for Malcolm — and for Robin Smith, for that matter — is that the Kimberley Sports Ground pitch prepared by Fred Swarbrook, the former Derbyshire left-arm spinner, is likely to be as quick as the pitches in the nets yesterday.

Swarbrook, who emigrated to South Africa several years ago, may have done both players a big favour. Smith, despite first-class scores to date of four, nought and nought, looked as confident as any batsman during the practice session and is at his best when the ball "comes on". "The net pitches were outstanding," he said. "I hope the match pitch is just the same."

Like Malcolm, Smith must show he deserves Test selection. "We are trying to give him every chance," Illingworth said. John Crawley, who showed tremendous determination when scoring 85 in Soweto and 108 in East London, is being rested and can do no more now to state his case. The likely contenders for the last bowling place, Mike Watkinson and Mark Illot, both line up tomorrow.

ENGLAND XI (from): M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, M R Ramprakash, G P Thorpe, G A Hick, R A Smith, R C Russell, M Watkinson, D Gough, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm, M C Ilott.

SOUTH AFRICA A: J B Commins (Western Province, captain), G F J Liebenberg (Free State), P J R Steyn (Natal), L J Wilkinson (Free State), J H Kallis (Western Province), L Klusener (Natal), S J Palframan (Border), N Boje (Free State), S D Jack (Transvaal), R Telemachus (Boland), P Adams (Western Province)



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SEIKO KINETIC

Irani puts England A in winning position

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RONNIE IRANI, the Essex all-rounder, produced a spell of five for 14 to help put England A into a convincing position going into the final day of their four-day tour match against a Combined XI in Karachi. Ably supported by Ian Salisbury, the Sussex leg spinner, who recorded figures of three for 71, the home side were reduced to 279 for nine, a lead of 103.

In a devastating second spell, Irani, a brisk medium-paced bowler, took four wickets in 24 balls while conceding only two runs. Only a stoical, unbeaten, 111 by Mohammad Ramzan, the opening batsman, spared the Combined XI from greater embarrassment in their second innings.

It proved to be a good day all round for England. Starting at an overnight total of 279 for nine, they were given an unexpected boost as the last pair — Ed Giddins, of Sussex, and Shaun Udal, of Hampshire — added 33 invaluable runs. Udal reached an impressive half-century, amassed from 136 balls and including five fours, before he fell victim to the off spin of Nadeem Khan.

Udal, the off spinner, then returned to the fray to give the tour team the breakthrough they wanted when he had Shahid Anwar, the in-form opening batsman, caught by Dominic Ostler when the total was 53. From then on, Salisbury and Irani shared the wickets. Shoaib Mohammad was dismissed for seven and Sohail Jaffer, Ather Laeeq and Nadeem were all out without scoring.

As the parade of batsmen continued almost unabated, many perishing through their own carelessness or lack of application, Ramzan continued his solo act of defiance which, by the close, had extended to 325 minutes and been illuminated by 14 fours.

At times it appeared as if the match was being played between just three players, so dominant were the contributions of Irani, Salisbury and Ramzan.

Mike Smith, the Gloucestershire left-arm seam bowler, who bowled just three overs early in the innings, continued to struggle with a side strain he sustained on the first day. He did not bowl at all later in the innings, but was able to field from lunch through to the close.

SCOREBOARD

COMBINED XI: 204 (Azam Khan 55; I D K Salisbury 4-72).

Second Innings

Muhammad Ramzan not out	111
Shahid Anwar c Ostler b Udal	34
Shoaib Mohammad c Ostler b Salisbury	7
Sohail Jaffer lbw b Salisbury	0
Azam Khan c Piper b Irani	15
Mahmood Hamid lbw b Irani	20
Wasim Yousuf lbw b Irani	1
Ather Laeeq c Piper b Irani	0
Nadeem Khan c Piper b Irani	0
Shahid Khan b Salisbury	1
Taufiq Bader not out	4
Extras (b 11, lb 4, w 1, nb 2)	18
Total (9 wkts)	211

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-89, 3-89, 4-135, 5-171, 6-175, 7-179, 8-183, 9-195

BOWLING: Giddins 19-6-30-0; Smith 3-0-11-0; Udal 25-4-70-1; Salisbury 19-2-71-3; Irani 10-3-14-5

ENGLAND A: First Innings

N V Knight c Hamid b Shahid	38
A McGrath c Yousuf b Nadeem	30
*N Hussain lbw b Shahid	89
D P Ostler b Shahid	0
J C Pooley b Ather	19
R C Irani lbw b Shahid	22
†K J Piper c Jaffer b Shoaib	6
I D K Salisbury b Taufiq	27
S D Udal c Shahid Anwar b Nadeem	50
A M Smith c and b Taufiq	0
E S H Giddins not out	5
Extras (b 10, lb 7, w 4, nb 7)	36
Total	312

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-103, 3-103, 4-141, 5-188, 6-191, 7-227, 8-272, 9-276

BOWLING: Ather 31-10-68-1; Taufiq 16-4-41-2, Shahid 30-8-72-4; Khan 41.2-12-95-2, Shoaib 8-0-19-1.

Umpires: Salim Badar and Islam Khan.

India recall Hirwani to partner Kumble

NARENDRA HIRWANI, recalled to Test cricket after a five-year absence, will be one of two leg spinners in the India team to play New Zealand in the third and final Test in Cuttack that begins today.

He will partner Anil Kumble, whose faster, flatter deliveries contrast with Hirwani's orthodox, flighty style which earned him 16 wickets on his Test debut against West Indies in 1987.

Hirwani earned his long-awaited recall — he toured Australia in 1992 but failed to make the Test side — at the expense of the left-arm spinner Venkatapathy Raju.

India, leading 1-0 in the series, had already replaced Rajesh Chauhan, their off spinner, bringing in Aashish Kapoor.

India have opted for two leg spinners on a new Cuttack pitch which the New Zealand coach, Glenn Turner, said appeared like "rolled mud" and would deteriorate. With this in mind, Turner will be hoping that his off spinner, Shane Thomson, who has a cut finger, will be fit.

NEW ZEALAND (from): L K Germon (captain), M J Greatbatch, R G Twose, A C Parore, M D Crowe, S P Fleming, S A Thomson, C L Cairns, D J Nash, M N Hart, D K Morrison, M W Haslam.

INDIA: M Azharuddin (captain), M Prabhakar, A D Jadeja, N S Sidhu, S R Tendulkar, V G Kambli, N R Mongia, A R Kapoor, A R Kumble, J Srinath, N D Hirwani.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

TENENTE
(c) A lieutenant, from Italian and Portuguese.
WICKMANITE
(c) A cubic hydroxide of manganese and tin, $MnSn(OH)_6$, found as small yellowish or colourless octahedral crystals. An eponym of F.-E Wickman, born 1915, the Swedish mineralogist + -ite. "Wickmanite, $MnSn(OH)_6$, schoenfliesite, $MgSn(OH)_6$, and manganoan schoenfliesite occur in separate low-temperature parageneses in hydrothermally mineralised skarns at Pitkäranta, Karelia."
SEABEES
(b) (Members of) the Construction Battalions formed as a volunteer branch of the Civil Engineer Corps of the US Navy. A vocalised acronym of the initial letters of *C(onstruction) B(attalion)* + *s*.
SOLON
(c) Colloquially, in the US, with a small initial, in weakened sense, a legislator, usually a Congressman. An eponym from Solon, one of the several alleged founders of democracy in ancient Athens. The eponym is unfair to Solon, even though he was not exactly a democrat.

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The managers who sold themselves short

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Look, I've always been an advocate of gratuitous nudity on television, so we'll say no more about the young woman who suddenly wandered through **Death of a Bank Manager** (BBC2) last night, naked as the day she was first overdrawn and clutching only a candle. Probably looking for her cheque book.

But what really had me stumped were the car parks, miles and miles of under-occupied, white-lined tarmac. Here was this fascinating story, the virtual disappearance of an entire section of middle-class, middle-income, middle management from Middle England, and where was Chris Petit, the director? In the car park, practising his tracking shots.

No sooner has some poor old chap (and they were all chaps) finished relating an account of the misery that high street banking had become in the 1980s, than wham! — it was car park time again. And if we passed one space, we passed a thousand. "There — what's wrong with that one?" I shouted, but to no avail. On we went, our progress enlivened only by the single words that were superimposed from time to time, like some exquisite form of slow-motion subliminal torture. "Confidence" would flash up, followed a few seconds later by "trick". I wondered what he was getting at.

But never let it be said that Petit is a film-maker who doesn't acknowledge *creative debts. As the* final credits rolled, his first thanks went not to the cast of embittered bankers, nor to the underclad brunette, but to the Aztec West business park, purveyor of fine car park vistas to the media.

The surprising thing is that the central story of the bank manager's demise survived everything that Petit could throw in its path — car parks, old black and white film clips, even the reappearance of that most overused of banking clichés, Captain Mainwaring.

The decline was a slow one — at least initially. Direct payment systems brought the working classes into the banking system, which must have been a terrible shock. Then along came anti-bandit glass, which removed the manager and his workforce from all their customers, class notwithstanding. The 1970s brought computerisation, signalling an end to the meticulous but *time-consuming book-keeping on which so* many careers had been founded.

But it was the arrival of American management practices in the 1980s, along with the attendant buzz words — performance, service and, above all, targets — that crushed the spirit of a banking generation. Suddenly, their long-treasured position as the high street's most trusted adviser was gone. They had become salesmen, selling, as one former manager bitterly put it, financial products that people didn't need to people who couldn't afford them.

The recession sparked the inevitable shake-out. Stress levels and early retirements soared. One manager monitored the situation in his staff newsletter: retirements rose from 15-20 a month to hundreds. "A whole generation of bank managers and bankers disappeared in about six months." An extraordinary story and a fascinating film — just a shame we spent so much of it in the car park.

No sign of either bank managers or car parks in **Network First: The Gettys** (ITV). As the world's richest man, Paul Getty had no need of the former, while Studio Z, makers of this mammoth project, had no time for the latter. Just running through the principal family members took up several valuable minutes.

The Getty family story is a story of almost biblical proportions, with John-Pauls-begetting-John-Pauls all over the place, everyone marrying several times and tragedy lurking around every corner. It is a story that has been told many times before, but rarely, I suspect, in a form as accessible as this.

Last night, friends (some of whom probably require quotation marks around the designation), colleagues, mistresses and assorted junior members of the family provided fascinating accounts of the life and times of Paul Getty, who died — fantastically rich and increasingly mean — 20 years ago. Getty, we were comfortingly reminded, was second-generation wealthy, his father having assembled a fortune of some $10 million by the time he died in 1930.

The fact that he left only $500,000 to his son, as punishment for his teenage bride-chasing ways (three in seven years), was rather by the by. I'm sure the first million was still the hardest, but it can't have been that difficult when you're halfway there to start with — especially when your mother makes over the rest of it in time to go bargain-hunting through the Depression.

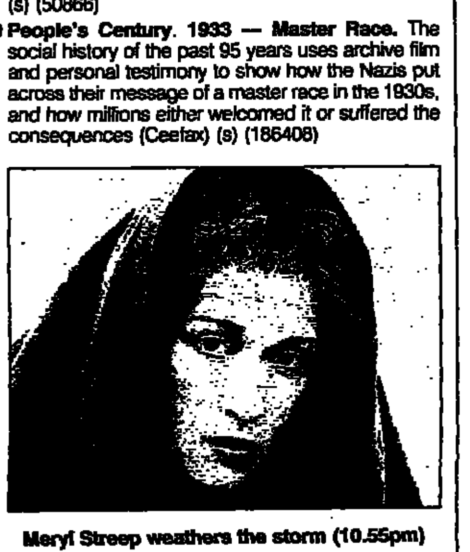
The film archives had been skilfully and rewardingly plundered to bring the story to life, with the black and white footage of a lonely old man plodding around Sutton Court matched by the painfully poignant, swinging 1960s footage of the fabulously glamorous but ill-fated marriage of John Paul Jr and Talitha Pol. It left you feeling glad that Mick Jagger introduced him to cricket.

Similar "if only" thoughts ran through **Without Walls: My Generation** (Channel 4), which took a timely look at the Small Faces, a group enjoying new-found popularity as the great-grandfathers of Britpop. If only they hadn't been ripped off by two managers, if only Steve Marriott hadn't left in 1969, if only Ronnie Lane hadn't developed multiple sclerosis, if only Marriott hadn't died in a house fire four years ago... It should have been depressing television and it was, rather. But the music was terrific.

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (14750)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (94800311)
9.10 Kilroy (s) (4440779)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5897330) **10.05 Housemates** (s) (2835773)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (4708446)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9892682) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** Shirley MacLaine is a guest. (s) (4958330) **12.50 Regional News** (23665682)
1.00 One O'Clock News *(Ceefax) and weather (19156)*
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (92065069)
1.50 Hawkeye. Adventure series (s) (5836156)
2.35 Holiday *(r)* (Ceefax) *(s)* (2772243) **3.05 Incognito** (s) (1296595)
3.30 Ants in Your Pants (s) (5784040) **3.50 ChuckleVision** (r) (s) (5771576) **4.10 Get Your Own Back** (Ceefax) (s) (6429427) **4.35 Pirates.** Last in the series (Ceefax) (s) (1058069)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (8070175)
5.10 Blue Peter (s) (5666576)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)(s) (940494)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (595)
6.30 Regional news magazines (175) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours 6.57 Inside Ulster News
7.00 This Is Your Life. Introduced by Michael Aspel (Ceefax) (s) (7682)
7.30 Here and Now. News and issues magazine. Tonight, reports on how rich landowners are paid a total of £100 million not to destroy wildlife sites. And as people are on average taller than 100 years ago, should football goals be made larger, in order to increase the number of goals scored? Presented by Sue Lawley (s) (359)
8.00 How Do They Do That? Last in the series, presented by Eamonn Holmes and Jenny Hull, including the secrets of how the cast of *Pride and Prejudice* learnt authentic, early 19th-century walking and talking. (Ceefax) (s) (302682)
8.45 Points of View, with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (559953)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6175)
9.30 One Foot in the Grave: Who Will Buy? Comedy repeat with Richard Wilson, Annette Crosbie, Janine Duvitski, Angus Deayton and Jimmy Jewel (Ceefax) (s) (50866)
10.00 People's Century. 1933 — Master Race. The social history of the past 95 years uses archive film and personal testimony to show how the Nazis put across their message of a master race in the 1930s, and how millions either welcomed it or suffered the consequences (Ceefax) (s) (186408)



Meryl Streep weathers the storm (10.55pm)

10.55 FILM: The French Lieutenant's Woman (1981) starring Jeremy Irons and Meryl Streep. A romantic drama, adapted by Harold Pinter from the novel by John Fowles, about an English gentleman's affair with the abandoned mistress of a French officer. Directed by Karel Reisz. (86458175)
12.55am Weather (9585847)

BBC2

6.00am Perpetual Motion (48205) **6.30 The Net** (98175)
7.00 Breakfast News. (4134663)
7.15 Lassie (7115066) **7.40 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r). (s) (1376446) **8.05 It'll Never Work** (r) (s) (3500682)
8.35 The Record Yesterday in Parliament (s) (4383866)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (8966929)
2.00 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (47103408)
2.10 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). (r) (8160205) **3.00 News; Hare Krishnas: Hiders and Seekers** (7027514) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) (6972040)
4.00 Today's the Day. (s) (208) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (972) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** What makes children happy? (4740953) **5.40 Unspeakable Verse.** (323682) **5.55 Consuming Passions**. Potato and eggplant curry (800224)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventure seriesstarring Patrick Stewart (Ceefax) (s) (973408)
6.45 FILM: The Brain Eaters (1958, b/w). Sci-fi drama starring Edwin Nelson. Parasites from the Earth's core attach themselves to people's heads and turn them into zombies Bruno De Sota directs (1531021)
7.50 Life's a Lottery. How does winning the National Lottery affect your life? Three lottery winners talk about instant wealth (s) (973224)
8.00 Delia Smith's Winter Collection: Proper Puddings and Sunday Lunch. Roast beef and all the trimmings; gingerbread pudding; chocolate bread-and-butter pudding. (Ceefax) (s) (4972)
8.30 University Challenge. The London School of Economics v Keble College, Oxford. (Ceefax) (1309)
9.00 [CHOICE] **Modern Times: Tory Wives.** (Ceefax) (s) (278589)
9.50 My Secret Life: Dangerous When Bored. A profile of a high-flying professional who takes a variety of drugs. (Ceefax) (s) (682069)
10.00 Grace Under Fire. American comedy series starring Brett Butler. (Ceefax) (s) (20137)
10.30 Newsnight. Presented by Jeremy Paxman. (Teletext) (155798)



Bob Monkhouse talks to Ben Elton (11.15pm)

11.15 [CHOICE] **Funny for Money** (148214)
11.55 Weather (473156)
12.00 Fast Forward (73373)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

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CHOICE

The Real Holiday Show
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Something awful this way comes — at least that's what the viewer gleefully expects when amateurs with camcorders detail what really happened on their holidays as opposed to what the guidebooks said would happen. As horror stories go it would be hard to beat the four gallumphing factory girls from Corby — targeting Gumbet in Turkey for "fun, fun, fun — men, men, men". Their flinch-making behaviour is uninhibited, crude, and very, very funny. Other stories *include the saga of white witch Valerie who, with her* registered blind husband Wolfram, cycled a total of 807 miles through Germany to visit Wolfram's mother in the Black Forest. Mum turned out to be "a bloody tyrant and a lunatic".

Funny For Money
BBC2, 11.15pm

"He's agile, adept, adroit ... he's Mr Ben Elton," glows Bob Monkhouse in uncharacteristically low-key mode as he introduces the many-faceted star. Elton is pretty low-key himself, the two fast-track jokers from different generations politely refusing to upstage each other. As a bestselling novelist and scriptwriter as well as stand-up comic, Elton proves rich ground for Monkhouse to plough — and he ploughs it like a pro. Hecklers? "They haunt me," says Ben. "Sadly the really witty heckler is one in a million." Audiences? "I have too much respect to experiment on them." Personal favourites? "Tommy Cooper, Morecambe and Wise..." (What, no Monkhouse?) Thoughtful, never dull, this has the earmarks of a pilot.



Lady Neubert conducts a garden party (BBC2, 9pm)

Modern Times: Tory Wives
BBC2, 9.00pm

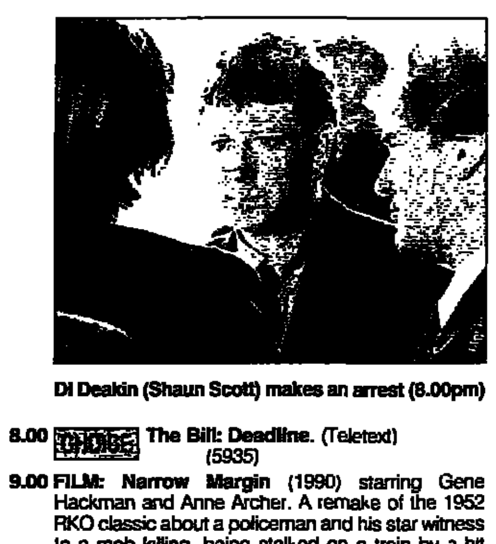
One supposes, in the interest of balance, there will have to be a film about Labour wives. But somehow they don't group together as an entity the way Conservatives do. Not that Rebecca Frayn's documentary is in the business of sending these good ladies up — some emerge as far from Identikit Tories. Lady Hannam, wife of Exeter MP Sir John ("sometimes I have this compulsion to knock him off his perch") is particularly outspoken. "I find Tory wives' loyalty to a system which makes them and their families such victims rather puzzling," she says. But for the most part these ladies who lunch — and dine, and serve on committees, and make speeches — seem a loyal, hard-working lot. This summer, when they were filmed, was not an easy one for their husbands.
● *See Julia Llewellyn Smith, page 15*

The Bill
ITV, 8.00pm

Edge of the seat stuff from this consistently intelligent series — now fielding occasional hour-long stories on top of the usual three-a-week half-hours. *Deadline* by David Hoskins is one such and involves a distraught couple (Dermot Crowley, Barbara Marten) whose 15-year-old daughter Lucy (the wonderful Honeysuckle Weeks, here scarcely seen) has gone missing. Nothing that hasn't slotted into a *Bill* half-hour, but in this case there is time for twist to build on twist. It all begins with Lucy's voice on the family answerphone: "He's got a knife, he's wearing a mask and he's chained me to the side of a van..."
Elizabeth Cowley

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (9144069)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep quiz show (s) (9493953)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (3580066)
10.00 The Time ... the Place (s) (6010243)
10.35 This Morning Magazine show (72134205)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (9698866)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (9821330)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9806021)
1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (84393309)
1.55 Shortland Street *(92053224)*
2.20 Vanessa: Odd Couples (Teletext) (s) (70202953)
2.50 Material World: Different for Girls (2763595)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (8965311)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (8964682)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (6192137) **3.50 The Story Store** (s) (5994392) **4.05 Animaniacs** (r) (Teletext) (s) (5160779) **4.15 TIGS** (s) (499953) **4.45 Bad Influence** (s) (1032021)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. China Black perform their new single live in the studio. (Teletext) (7000359)
5.40 News and weather (327408)
5.55 Your Shout viewers' opinions (897750)
6.00 Home and Away. Ailsa tells Alf she thinks their marriage is over and the mystery of the anonymous caller deepens (r) (Teletext) (663)
6.30 London Tonight. Regional news followed by London weather. (Teletext) (243)
7.00 Wheel of Fortune. Game show (s) (2750)
7.30 Coronation Street. All is not well at the Rovers Return. (Teletext) (427)

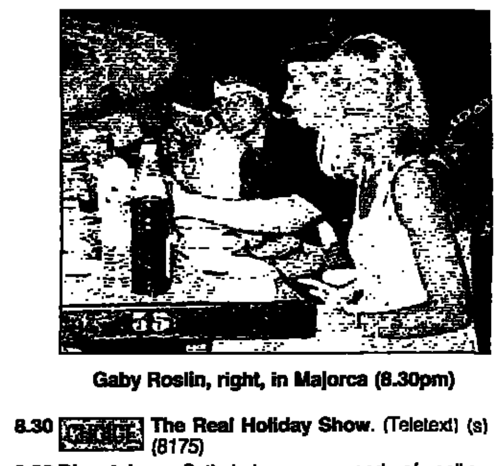


DI Deakin (Shaun Scott) makes an arrest (8.00pm)

8.00 [CHOICE] **The Bill: Deadline.** (Teletext) (5935)
9.00 FILM: Narrow Margin (1990) starring Gene Hackman and Anne Archer. A remake of the 1952 RKO classic about a policeman and his star witness to a mob killing, being stalked on a train by a hit squad. Directed by Peter Hyams. Continues after the news (Teletext) (s) (5791)
10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (17663)
10.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (803953)
10.40 FILM: Narrow Margin continued (170972)
11.30 Carlton Sport. Bob Wilson and Ian St John introduce highlights of tonight's Coca-Cola Cup third-round replays. (395224)
12.45am The Little Picture Show. Wendy Lloyd reviews *Rob Roy and talks to action film producer Jerry* Bruckheimer. (138489)
1.45 The Album Show (s) (1286915)
2.40 Hollywood Report *(s)* (5188644)
3.05 America's Top Ten *(r) (s) (51136286)*
3.35 Profile (r) (s) (14619977)
3.40 Sport AM (r) (4915373)
4.35 McGilloway's Way: Shoe Men and Horses. Irish nature programme. (86472880)
5.00 Vanessa *(r) (Teletext) (s) (60064)*
5.30 ITN Morning News (78828). Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff Cartoon series (r) (2518296)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (70309)
9.00 Evening Shade (r) (s) (27040)
9.30 Schools: Good Health (4937069) **9.45** Book Box (4925224) **10.00** Stage Two Science (3814408) **10.15** Making Sense of Science (146682) **10.45** Your World (1798021) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (9174428) **11.07** Schools at Work (7499175)**11.15** The Mix (6863446) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4261601) **11.45** First Edition (s) (4266156)
12.00 Spirits, Ghosts and Demons *What life is like for* children in contemporary China *(r)*. (s) (14576)
12.30pm Sesame Street With Rick Moranis and Bill Irwin (21243) **1.30 Lift Off** (r) (s) (55311)
2.00 Little Women In Transit. Three sisters on a long car journey start to argue about Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* (76240595)
2.05 FILM: A Shining Season (1979) starring Timothy Bottoms. A made-for-television biopic of John Baker, an athlete who discovers he has cancer. Directed by Stuart Margolin (Teletext) (765243)
4.00 Think Tank. Team quiz. (Teletext) (s) (156)
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (840)
5.00 Ricki Lake talks to people who have had fun at others' expense. (Teletext) (s) (4847935)
5.45 Terrytoons and **Murun Buchstansangur** (317021)
6.00 My So-Called Life. (Teletext) (s) (71359)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (803595)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (976311)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (9040)



Gaby Roslin, right, in Majorca (8.30pm)

8.30 [CHOICE] **The Real Holiday Show.** (Teletext) (s) *(8175)*
9.00 Dispatches. Sotheby's is accused of selling ancient relics that have been smuggled out of their country of origin. (Teletext) (8663)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Off-beat American comedy set in Alaska. (Teletext) (s) (102446)
10.55 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (s) (406934)
11.35 Moviewatch (r). (Teletext) (s) (726595)
12.15am-4.10 The Shooting Gallery. Another late-night series of short films, this time on a theme of "love hurts", begins with **Bitch** (6427606)
12.30 Lube. A teenage girl is helped by a nine-year-old boy when a bat becomes entangled in her hair (1556880) **12.55 A Modest Proposal** (4945422)
1.10 Lessons in the Language of Love. (s) (5814248) ***1.30 Urn.*** *A cinematic poem (9192460)* ***1.35 Down In the City*** *(5547977)*
1.55 The Lady In Waiting (r) (4584286) **2.30 Relax** (r) (s) (2243915)
2.40 The Ant Who Loved a Girl (r) (2249199) **2.50 A Night With a Women, A Day With Charlie** (r) (5166422)
3.20 No Head For Heights *(r)* (s) (15151267) **3.35 Now That It's Morning** (r) (s) (17897644) **3.45 Party Line**. The winner of the 1993 Channel 4 Young Film Makers Prize at the Edinburgh Festival (18791460) Ends at **4.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9806021) 1.25 Home and Away (84393309) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (92053224) 2.50-3.20 Gardening Time (2763595) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7000359) 6.30-7.00 Anglia News (243) 11.30 Midweek Kickoff (478021) 12.40am War of the Worlds (3100422) 1.35 Hollywood Report (8424118) 2.00 Shift (5675921) 2.50 Top Ten (5168880) 3.20 The Little Picture Show (6242199) 4.15 Nite Bites (97093147) 4.30 The Time... the Place (15002)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (92053224) 2.50-3.20 Gardening Time (2763595) 3.25-3.30 Central News (8964682) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7000359) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (189243) 11.30 Central Sports Special (395224) 4.40am Jobfinder (8071539) 5.20 Asian Eye (4231151)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9806021) 1.25 Home and Away (11349311) 1.50 Vanessa (25631137) 2.20 Videofashion (70202953) 2.50-3.20 Coronation Street (2763595) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (7000359) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (238972) 11.30-12.45am Granada Soccer Night (395224) 3.35-4.35 Jobfinder (3228248)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55-1.20 Shortland Street (7855137) 1.20 Coronation Street (83943868) 2.50-3.20 Fat Man Wits (2763595) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (7000359) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (243) 11.30 Street Legal (52021) 12.30am The Twilight Zone (8307985) 3.35 Jobfinder (3228248)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 The Really Helpful Programme (2763595) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (243) 11.30 Top Sport (395224)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9806021) 1.25 Home and Away (84393309) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (92053224) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (2763595) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7000359) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (663) 6.30-7.00 Put it to the Test (243) 11.30 The Meridian Match (478021) 12.40am War of the Worlds (3100422) 1.35 Hollywood Report (8424118) 2.00 Shift (5675921) 2.50 Top Ten (5168880) 3.20 The Little Picture Show (6242199) 4.15 Nite Bites (97093147) 4.30-6.00 The Time... the Place (15002)

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As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (3580066) 12.20pm Westcountry News (9807514) 12.25-12.30 My Story (9806885) 12.55 Coronation Street (9806021) 1.25 Home and Away (84393309) 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (92053224) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (2763595) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry News (8964682) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7000359) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (73717) 10.30 Westcountry News, Weather (81475) 11.30 The Westcountry Match (52021) 12.30am Night Shift (8307985) 3.35 Jobfinder (3228248)

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As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (3580066) 12.20pm-12.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (9898866) 12.55 Coronation Street (9806021) 1.25 Home and Away (84393309) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (92053224) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (2763595) 3.25-3.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (8964682) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7000359) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (532175) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (243) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (803953) 11.30 Film: La Bamba (56224) 1.30am Hollywood Report (22880) 2.00 Videofashion (47118) 2.30 The Album Show (42460) 3.30 Noisy Mothers (4991793) 4.25 Jobfinder (4319354)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (70309) 9.00 Evening Shade: Ava Takes A Shower (part two) r (27040) 9.30 Schools (52224) 9.30 Good Health (4937069) 9.45 Book Box (4925224) 10.00 Stage Two Science (3814408) 10.15 Making Sense Of Science (146682) 10.45 Your World (1798021) 10.55 Film And Video Showcase (9174428) 11.07 Schools At Work (7449175) 11.15 The Mix (6863446) 11.30 Rat-a-tat-tat (4261601) 11.45 First Edition (4266156) 12.00pm Australia Wild (14576) 12.30 Widget (56040) 1.00 Slot Meithrin: Mister Morgan r (20866) 1.30 Film: The Passionate Friends (51483935) 3.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show (1594798) 4.00 Think Tank (156) 4.30 Dosh (840) 5.00 5 Pump: Rownd A Rownd (3553224) 5.15 5 Pump: Fflaii (8042392) 5.30 Fifteen To One (392) 6.00 Newyddion 6/ News (524392) 6.15 Heno (969601) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (205175) 7.25 Dim Ond Celf (537175) 8.00 Pengelli (9040) 8.30 Newyddion/news (8175) 9.00 Lleifior r (8663) 10.00 Brookside (15205) 10.30 Northern Exposure: Baby Blues (800601) 11.25 Dispatches (405330) 12.25am Witness Mecca On The Thames (7950444)

SATELLITE

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SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat (51330) 8.00 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (64595) 8.30 Jeopardy (63866) 9.00 Court TV (87446) 9.30 Oprah Winfrey (63156) 10.30 Concentration (76330) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (51156) 12.00 Spellbound 12.30pm Designing Women (14088) 1.00 The Waltons (65853) 2.00 Geraldo (28330) 3.00 Court TV (8717) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (9740972) 4.20 Kids TV (8499773) 4.30 Shoot! (6086) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (9069) 6.00 Power Rangers (7953) 6.30 Spellbound (8205) 7.00 LAPD (8458) 7.30 M*A*S*H (7717) 8.00 Earth 2 (32408) 9.00 Picket Fences (45972) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (55359) 11.00 Law and Order (32021) 12.00 David Letterman (9878118) 12.45am Crossings (3298977) 1.30 Anything But Love (63575) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix (8356286)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3064205) 10.30 ABC Nightline (74972) (418866) 1.30pm News (24779) 2.30 CBS This Morning (71866) 3.30 Destinations (9311) 6.30 Tonight (22137) 8.30 Newsmaker (6595) 11.30 CBS News (73476) 12.30am ABC World News (25422) 1.30 Tonight (73880) 2.30 Target (57977) 3.30 Destinations (52422) 4.30 Evening News (28424) 5.30 ABC News (10828)

SKY MOVIES
6.10am Showcase (97588882) 10.00 Jane's House (1993) (85576) 12.00 Snoopy, Come Home (1972) (98755) 2.00pm Sleepless in Seattle (1993) (39311) 4.00 A Boy Named Charlie Brown (1969) (7601) 6.00 Jane's House (1993) 7.30 E! News Week in Review (2885) 8.00 Sleepless in Seattle (1993) 10.00 Tom And Viv (1993) (55292040) 12.10am Lake Consequence (1993) (5318793) 1.40 Untamed Love (1994) (4724286) 3.10 A Murderous Affair: The Carolyn Warmus Story (1992) (1217915) 4.40 Snoopy, Come Home (1972) (6574489)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Canyon Passage (1946) (3205) 6.00 Carefree (1938) (15779) 8.00 The Violent Men (1955) (10224) 10.00 First Blood (1982) (358934) 11.45 Nevada Smith (1966) (13810311) 1.55-3.50am Fahrenheit 451 (1966) (626828)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan's Savage Fury (1952) (42205) 8.00 Swallows and Amazons (1974) (17224) 10.00 Jericho Fever (1993) (16446) 12.00 The McConnell Story (1955) (30175) 2.00pm Official Denial (1993) (37953) 4.00 Swallows and Amazons (1974) 6.00 Trapped Beneath the Earth (1993) (96866) 7.30 The Making of Jurassic Park (95866) 8.30 Official Denial (1993) 10.00 Blindfold: Acts of Obsession (1993) (456175) 11.35 Empty Cradle (1993) (731663) 1.10am Cyborg 2 (1993) (910644) 2.50 Chain of Command (1993) (682809) 4.30 Big Wheels and Sailor (1970) (34489)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (32413595) 6.30 Muppet Babies (27525514) 7.00 Winnie the Pooh (67338330) 7.30 Ducktales (67324137) 8.00 Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (82327953) 8.30 Wonderland (82326224) 9.00 Fraggle Rock (82317576) 9.30 Pooh Corner (90743750) 10.00 Dumbo's Circus (27516866) 10.30 Quack Attack (82346088) 11.00 Disney (67333885) 12.00 FILM: Never a Dull Moment (58488359) 1.30pm The Woman Who Raised a Bear as Her Son (90753137) 2.00 Wonderland (78259750) 2.30 Umbrella Tree (86163972) 3.00 Fraggle Rock (78278885) 3.30 Winnie the Pooh (86175717) 4.00 Quack Attack (86154224) 4.30 Ducktales (86150408) 5.00 Chip 'n' Dale (78273330) 5.30 Danger Bay (86174088) 6.00 Tarzan (86164601) 6.30 Dinosaurs (86155953) 7.00 Flipper (99349514) 8.00 Sinbad (78279514) 8.30 Torkelsons (78258021) 9.00-10.00 Voyager (99345798)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Dancing (59576) 8.30 Tennis (50137) 10.00 Motors (29595) 12.00 Snooker (95663) 1.30pm Slam (42446) 2.00 Equestrianism (64156) 3.00 Live Tennis (1155137) 6.30 News (9717) 7.00 Tennis (72663) 9.00 Truck Racing (83156) 10.00 Formula 1 (95040) 10.30 Chess (11088) 11.00 Equestrianism (34525) 12.00 News

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Centre (34589) 7.30 Racing (86868) 8.00 Wrestling (98885) 9.00 Aerobics (95779) 9.30 Boots 'n' All (14663) 10.00 Scottish Football (34427) 12.00 Aerobics (52953) 12.30pm Finish Line (25779) 1.00 USA Golf (9877717) 5.00 Wrestling Superstars (5885) 6.00 Sports Centre (9999) 6.30 Rugby (4021) 7.00 World Soccer Magazine (6514) 7.30 Boxing (797750) 10.00 Centre (51752) 10.30 Rugby (86392) 11.00 Grand Slam of Golf (8156682) 3.00-3.30 Centre



Sigourney Weaver fights the *Alien* (Sci-Fi Channel, 7.30pm)

SKY SPORTS GOLD
10.00pm Rugby (5846224) 10.30 Football (8193205) 12.00 Blood Sweat and Glory 12.30-1.00am Jackie Stewart (2190278)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL
4.00am Living Word 5.00 Kenneth Copeland 5.30 Kidz TV 5.45 General Christian Entertainment 6.15 Benny Hinn 6.45-7.00 Christian Music Television

SKY SOAP
7.00am Guiding Light (1721682) 7.55 As the World Turns (8063972) 8.50 Peyton Place (2944601) 9.20 Days of our Lives (2549663) 10.10-11.00 Another World (1339934)

SKY TRAVEL
11.00am Globetrotter (2808392) 11.30 Video Trips (2809021) 12.00 Flondal (5845595) 12.30pm Restaurant Show (1883798) 1.00 Around the World (9581773) 1.30 Guide (1882069) 2.00 Ski (6588069) 2.30 Discover Your World (6145330) 3.00 Getaway (6567576) 3.30-4.00 Boomerang (6157175)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
4.00pm Our Century (2822972) 5.00 History Alive Secret Service (6581156) 6.00-7.00 Biography Mike Tyson (1891717)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL
7.00pm Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (6582885) 7.30-10.00 FILM Alien

TLC
9.00am Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio (8544750) 9.30 Eat Your Greens (2384311) 10.00 Off the Beaten Track (4394866) 10.30 Being There (8540934) 11.00 Only Human (2918717) 11.45 Draw with Don (25463601) 12.00 Men in a Woman's World (8564514) 12.30pm Jimmy's (2395427) 1.00 Eat Your Greens (5942175) 1.30 Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio (2394798) 2.00 The Opposite Sex (4395595) 3.00 Off the Beaten Track (7773175) 3.30-4.00 Go Fishing (6663175)

UK GOLD
7.00am Chronicles of Narnia (5912934) 7.30 Neighbours (5931069) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (8563885) 8.30 EastEnders (8562156) 9.00 The Bill (8553408) 9.30 The Sullivans (2393069) 10.00 All Creatures Great and Small (5920953) 11.00 Dallas (5940717) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (8566972) 12.30pm Neighbours (2397885) 1.00 EastEnders (5911205) 1.30 The Bill (2396156) 2.00 The Sullivans (83240798) 2.25 Are You Being Served? (6519224) 3.00 Angels (7742205) 3.30 Eldorado (6632205) 4.00 Casualty (19067021) 5.05 Every Second Counts (4945224) 5.45 Are You Being Served? (9472021) 6.25 EastEnders (8750934) 7.00 Eldorado (7767514) 7.30 French Fields (6641353) 8.00 George and Mildred (2326525) 8.25 FILM: Bless This House (24859885) 10.00 The Bill (6804595) 10.35 The Album Show (5420798) 11.35 Reilly Ace of Spies (6717021) 12.35am Dr Who (4777625) 1.05 Public Eye (2544170) 2.00 Triangle (5602606) 2.30 Shopping

TCC
6.00am Casper (63088) 7.00 Pink Panther (18040) 7.30 Ready or Not (37175) 8.00 Valley High (35682) 8.30 Casper and Friends (3740576) 8.45 Dinobabies (3778359) 9.00 Tiny TCC (654866) 12.00 Tiny TCC (678446) 3.00pm Sonic (5663) 3.30 Pink Panther (8243) 4.00 California Dreams (7750) 4.30-5.00 Valley High (3934)

NICKELODEON
6.00am Garbage Pail Kids (7843408) 6.15 Grimmy (7831663) 6.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (45021) 7.00 Balllink (9259798) 7.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1634311) 7.45 Rugrats (239408) 8.15 Doug (315392) 8.45 The Ferals (9599663) 9.00 Nick Junior (9944175) 12.30pm Aaah! Real Monsters (18021) 1.00 Clarissa (97972) 1.30 Mighty Max (15392) 2.00 Speed Racer (3040) 2.30 Galaxy High (4822) 3.00 Count Duckula (2175) 3.30 Pet Shop (2427) 4.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1934) 4.30 Rugrats (4066) 5.00 Clarissa (4392) 5.30 Wishbone (1798) 6.00 Doug (1311) 6.30-7.30 Afraid of the Dark? (2663)

DISCOVERY
4.00am Missing Link (6542682) 4.30 Ambulance! (6648865) 5.00 Man on the Rim (7764427) 6.00 Invention (6669359) 6.30 Beyond 2000 (6533798) 7.30 Deadly Australians (6649595) 8.00 Connections 2 (7741576) 8.30 Driving Passions (7753311) 9.00 Seawings (4788717) 10.00 Outlaws (4758576) 11.00 Voyager (6064021) 11.30-12.00 Nature Watch (4383750)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Crawling Hand (4301156) 2.00pm The Saint (4362021) 3.00 Robin Hood (7760601) 3.30 Man from Interpol (6650601) 4.00 FILM: The Vengeance of Fu Manchu (7771717) 6.00 Death Valley Days (6656885) 6.30 Zoo Gang (8520224) 7.30 Robin Hood (6636021) 8.00 The Saint (4782779) 9.00 Sapphire and Steel (6009330) 9.30 Dead at 21 (2302717) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Blame It on Rio (6090682)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (7744359) 7.00 Living (6965507) 9.00 Bazaar (8228840) 9.30 Kate and Allie (7481750) 10.00 Hearts of Gold (9748866) 10.50 Entertainment Now! 11.00 Young and Restless (8497595) 11.55 Delia Smith (2563446) 12.30pm Brookside (3690363) 1.05 Kilroy (6635040) 2.00 Agony (4502473) 3.00 Magazine (6303021) 4.00 Infatuation UK (4579666) 4.30 Crosswits (6281243) 5.05 Joker's Wild (75035595) 5.30 Bewitched (4582330) 6.00 Esther (4589243) 6.30 Brookside (5834682) 7.05 Infatuation UK (5642514) 7.35 Joker's Wild (9845663) 8.00 Young and Restless (8852663) 9.00 Cagney and Lacey (8872427) 10.00 Charlie's Angels (8875514) 11.00-12.00 Dangerous Women (3012473)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00am Wonder Years (7408) 5.30 The Adventures of Tintin (873137) 5.50 Batman (331408) 6.25 Catchphrase (925021) 7.00 A Word in Your Ear (2412) 7.30 Fall Guy (82330) 8.30 Duty Free (5427) 9.00 Ruth Rendell (32446) 10.00 Clued Up (46798) 10.30 Moonlighting (60478) 11.30 Batman (85224) 12.00 Fall Guy (86064) 1.00pm Zorro (45248) 1.30 Rhoda (71151) 2.00 Moonlighting (15480) 3.00 Rhoda (58712) 3.30 Zorro (44644) 4.00 Wonder Years (32809) 4.30-5.00 Black Stallion (59441)

MTV
5.00am Awake (96544) 6.30 Grind (71086) 7.00 3 from 1 (2802243) 7.15 Awake (6639088) 8.00 VJ Maria (940175) 11.00 Soul (15953) 12.00 Hits (75798) 1.00pm Non-Stop (84446) 2.00 3 from 1 (45572601) 2.15 Music (4613866) 3.00 Cinematic (4353601) 3.15 Hanging Out (3627953) 3.30 Pulse (1971) 4.00 News 4.15 Hanging Out (3530663) 4.30 Dial MTV (5392) 5.00 Zig and Zag Show (9866) 5.30 Hanging Out (97750) 7.00 Greatest Hits (51232) 8.00 Most Wanted (41866) 9.30 Beavis (76427) 10.00 News 10.15 Cinematic (926175) 10.30 The State (24576) 11.00 The End? (96137) 12.30am Videos (4408441)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (9573750) 9.00 Café (7409175) 12.00 Heart and Soul (1864663) 1.00pm Vinyl (1873311) 2.00 Toyah (1454682) 3.00 Music (4500750) 6.00 The Clash (1893175) 7.00 For You (9192392) 8.00 Q Awards (6560663) 8.30 Phil Collins (6589798) 9.00 Joan Armatrading (9198576) 10.00 Vinyl (9191663) 11.00 Tommy Vance (3348205) 1.00am Squeeze (5001151) 2.00 Dawn Patrol

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (64962430) 8.30 Rythm Top Ten (20109069) 9.30 Baarish Ke Baad (54551750) 10.30 Namaste India (49697601) 11.00 Tara (32200885) 12.00 Dekh Bhai Dekh (49688953) 12.30pm Hit Thi Hit Hai (20824205) 1.00 FILM: Adalat (24951243) 4.00 British Babu Part One (12022798) 5.00 Zee Zone (69619359) 5.30 Bengali Serial (28901243) 6.00 Campus (28908156) 6.30 Zee and U (28999408) 7.00 Aap Ki Adalat (69699595) 7.30 Film Deewane (28988392) 8.00 News (69608243) 8.30 Banegi Apni Baat (69687750) 9.00-12.00 FILM: Rajesh Khanna Season

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films.
9.00am Intruder in the Dust (1949) (89326663) 11.00 Sol Madrid (1968) (13764682) 12.40 Three Bites of the Apple (1967) (94863538) 2.30-5.00 Jungle Street (1963) (21395408)

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SPORT

Venables keeps Ince on ice and his options open for 1996

Sinclair sights England chance

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

THE call-up of Trevor Sinclair, the dynamic and roving Queens Park Rangers forward, to the England squad yesterday demonstrates that, with eight months to go, Terry Venables still has an open mind, still a restless eye for the talent that will help him to win the European championship.

The squad to play Switzerland at Wembley on November 15, omits Paul Ince and John Barnes. It lacks Nick Barmby and Darren Anderton through injury, and it benefits from the recall of David Platt, Paul Gascoigne, Tim Flowers, Graeme Le Saux and Peter Beardsley.

However, it was the "surprise" inclusion of Sinclair that will send a message of hope to others, especially the young, still maturing footballers. The message is, keep performing week-in, week-out and, despite the desires of the coach, Venables, to build a reliable and trusted rapport, the full complement of 1996 candidates is still far from settled.

Sinclair, 22, is quick, brave, composed and, incidentally, a young man so proven at under-18 and under-21 levels, that there is, after all, a graduation process forming. He was recommended, not surprisingly, by Dave Sexton, the England Under-21 coach. He had played 13 times at under-21 level. A further reference was provided by Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager and England assistant, who said that Sinclair has been "the best visiting player" in the new Riverside stadium this season.

"His background is very good," said Venables. "He went to Lilleshall [the FA school of excellence], he came up through the under-18 and under-21s, and he did very well in that environment."

There are, nevertheless, conundrums in the elevation of Sinclair. A few months ago, Les Ferdinand felt he had to leave Loftus Road to make consistent progress towards full England recognition. When Ferdinand was with Rangers, Sinclair was a winger, serving the big man from the right or the left, proving through pace, tenacity and an ability to get to the line, that he had the pedigree of a supplier. Then Ferdinand departed to score 17 goals in 15 league and cup matches for Newcastle United, still not enough, apparently, to force him into the England 11.

In his absence, Rangers brought Sinclair in from the wings, allowing him to follow his instincts, as he used to do with Blackpool. When the scouts came nosing around, the Rangers player-manager, Ray Wilkins, sent them packing by placing a whimsical £10million price on him.

Yesterday, while admitting he had wondered if newspaper speculation that he was to be in the squad could be true, Sinclair reiterated his intention to continue playing under Wilkins. "I've learnt so much from him, probably without him even knowing," Sinclair said. "I've watched the way he respects people, I've watched everything he has done and said on the training ground and at matches. I know I've plenty more to learn by staying at QPR."

Should he join England for anything more than training at Bisham Abbey, Sinclair could offer Venables two options. He can revert to the flanks, possibly even to prompt Ferdinand if Venables decides, as some are urging him to do, to try the Newcastle forward. This is not a slight against Alan Shearer, but there need to be a proven alternative should Shearer be injured or unavailable.

Alternatively, in his new club role, Sinclair has demonstrated a relish for the position Barmby and Beardsley have occupied under Venables, the alert second forward playing off the main striker.

At Liverpool, they rightly believe Steve McManaman is in the form of his young life, also operating on a free rein rather than being pinned to the left flank where England have marooned him. McManaman and Redknapp are favourites of Venables, too, but it is disconcerting that John Barnes, who organises the Liverpool midfield so splendidly for them, is not in the squad.

Barnes, 32 yesterday, has been redeployed in the playmaker role at Liverpool. He makes it so simple, so trustworthy, so imaginative. And, though clearly Venables favours Gascoigne's creative ability, his mood swings and fluctuations at Rangers are still alarming. Last week, against Juventus, he was virtually anonymous.

While Steve Stone, tenacity personified, deserves to stay in the squad, one cannot make the same observation of Dennis Wise. Others go to extraordinary lengths to advocate Paul Ince for his combative midfield qualities.

Venables visited him in Italy last Sunday. He did not see enough to convince him to recall Ince, and given that the player was subdued for his last three months with Manchester United, let alone is struggling to bridge the gap of quality and culture in Italy, Venables cannot be faulted for offering Ince advice on first getting his attitude right for the challenge there.

Ince had barely 24 hours to ruminate on the words of the England coach. Yesterday's *Gazzetta dello Sport* reported Massimo Moratti, the Internazionale president, as saying: "If it were up to me, I'd keep him. But we absolutely need a forward." It appears Ince may be returning to England, possibly to Arsenal, but not yet to the national squad.

SQUAD

D Seaman (Arsenal), T Flowers (Blackburn Rovers), G Neville (Manchester United), R Jones (Liverpool), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), G Le Saux (Blackburn Rovers), A Adams (Arsenal), G Pallister (Manchester United), S Howey (Newcastle United), G Southgate (Aston Villa), D Platt (Arsenal), P Gascoigne (Rangers), R Lee (Newcastle United), S McManaman (Liverpool), J Redknapp (Liverpool), S Stone (Nottingham Forest), T Sinclair (Queens Park Rangers), D Wise (Chelsea), P Beardsley (Newcastle United), A Shearer (Blackburn Rovers), E Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur), L Ferdinand (Newcastle United)

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JAMES MORGAN



Venables in relaxed mood as he announces his squad in London yesterday

Unfashionable Saracens set new trend for rugby's elite

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

SARACENS, the self-confessed poor relations of first-division rugby in England, yesterday became the first such club to announce an association with a single major investor. Within 12 hours the North London club not only became a limited company but welcomed the injection of £2.5 million from a City entrepreneur, Nigel Wray.

Wray, who played for Old Millhillians against Saracens during the 1970s, is the executive chairman of Burford Holdings, a commercial property group. Even before Newcastle United's Sir John Hall and second-division Newcastle Gosforth came together in September, he was contemplating an alliance with Saracens which effectively secures the club's future.

It is a move which Saracens, of all the senior clubs, appreciate: in recent seasons they have lost emerging internationals such as Jason Leonard (to Harlequins), Dean Ryan (to Wasps) and Ben Clarke (to Bath), largely because of their unfashionable status. "For too long Saracens have been regarded as a feeder club for other, high-profile clubs," Wray, 47, said.

"I believe they have the potential to become London's premier club, capable of attracting the best players in Europe." To that end Wray will subscribe to £2 million-worth of shares in Saracens plc, joining the board as a non-executive director, and will underwrite a £500,000 share-issue available, by next month, to existing members. The board will also seek to appoint a chief executive, at a salary unlikely to be less than £40,000.

Wray, far from regarding himself as a philanthropist, believes this to be a good business deal. "I am not very happy losing money," he said. "There is no bottomless pit for Saracens, we have to get out and improve ourselves. I have always liked the way they play the game but we have to invest in everything: the players, the ground, the spectators. You can't leave any one piece of the jigsaw behind."

The investment virtually guarantees that the promising England A back-row players, Tony Diprose and Richard Hill — both the subject of offers from elsewhere — will stay at Southgate where, in a new spirit of accord with Enfield Borough Council, Saracens have outline planning permission for ground development. "We need to develop cash flow through the gate," Wray said. "But for many years the money will have to go back into the club. The dividend will be the creation of something very worthwhile for the whole community."

Saracens have sought an alternative ground to Bramley Road for many years but, since they are now regarded as one of the borough's two primary sporting assets, along with the local football club, they may yet stay in their public park accommodation. If they do they will hope to move slightly north and create other leisure amenities.



Wray: entrepreneur

"Saracens' declared ambition is to be one of the best clubs in England," James Wyness, the president, said. "What has always been missing is resources. We have done wonders with what we have, now we have something more to take us forward."

Meanwhile, Moseley, from the second division, have had talks with Birmingham City football club about a possible alliance and Bath await the response of members to a questionnaire inviting support for investment in the club by a corporate body or a wealthy individual. In this respect, at least, Saracens are top of the table.

The way forward, page 44

Bates presses on without Harding

By Our Sports Staff

KEN BATES, the Chelsea chairman, believes he will have to press ahead with the club's blueprint for the future without the backing of the director, Matthew Harding.

Harding has maintained his seat on the board even though he has resigned as a director of Chelsea Village, the company which owns the west London club.

His resignation was accepted by Bates, who then released letters between the parties regarding the club's future. Bates is unhappy about Harding's apparent lack of enthusiasm for his plans.

Asked if he was optimistic about getting a response to his plans, Bates replied: "Put it like this, it has taken a year not to get one. All we have is fluff on the cappuccino."

Bates first sent a letter by recorded delivery to Harding on October 19 outlining his plans. Harding responded on November 2, asking to be allowed to stand down from the board.

That prompted Bates to reply on November 4, when he told Harding: "These are serious matters to be addressed and cannot be avoided, skimmed over or swept under the carpet.

"The alternative is to accept that Chelsea will never be one of the great clubs in the foreseeable future.

"Your letter, charming though it is, totally avoids any of the specific issues to be addressed if our totally worthy aims are to be achieved.

"You are a successful businessman. I have flagged up my thoughts and strategy to you often enough. Surely after nearly a year the board is entitled to a detailed, measured response."

Bates detailed his long-term plans in his initial letter, claiming that the situation "necessitates addressing the following points:

1) How we continue to fund the manager's further requirements, although it is reasonable to assume this will be partly met by existing player sales.

2) How we finance the completion of the envisaged 40-45,000 capacity stadium at a cost of £27-£30 million.

3) How we progress and fund the rest of the Chelsea Village development.

4) How we plan the boardroom succession, securing the continuation of key personnel. Glenn Hoddle [the manager] is not the only important employee."

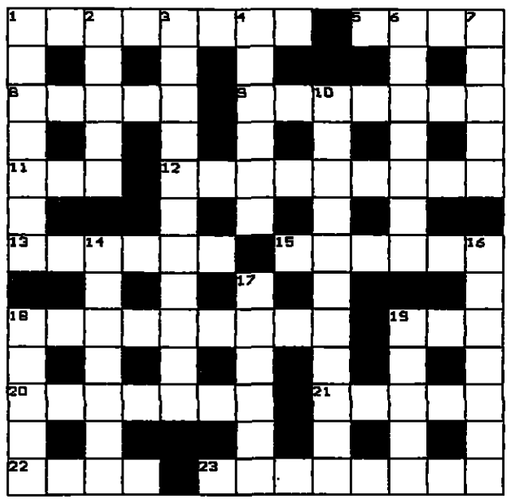
Harding wrote in a resignation letter: "I am presently unconvinced it is possible for me to represent equitably the individual objectives of Chelsea Village and its subsidiary company, Chelsea FC.

"Contrary to certain mischievous speculation, I have enjoyed our relationship these past two years and continue to count you as a friend."

☐ The Football Association has warned that it will not become involved in an auction with the Premier League over television rights for the Football League. The FA chief executive, Graham Kelly, has written to all 72 Endsleigh Insurance League chairmen ahead of a meeting in London on Friday, outlining the principles of the five-year, £118.5 million joint Sky Television, BBC and ITV contract proposed by the FA.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 621



ACROSS
1 Loss of honour, reputation (8)
5 Assistance (4)
8 Poisonous (5)
9 Command; part of bridge game (7)
11 Follower of Attila (3)
12 Held in particular affection (9)
13 Slip accompanying consignment (6)
15 Aphoristic (6)
18 With connected toes (3-6)
19 Achieved (3)
20 Statue brought to life for Prometheus (7)
21 Jog (5)
22 Risk; a challenge (4)
23 Old joke; a horse (8)

DOWN
1 Dumped (7)
2 Old German, English tribesman (5)
3 Make waves (4,3,4)
4 Spun thread: MND fairy (6)
6 Brief witticism (7)
7 Called, eg to answer phone (5)
10 Rules for behaviour (3,3,5)
14 Shoemaker; a drink (7)
16 Adapt to new use (7)
17 Fix on (6)
18 Carried on: in employment (5)
19 Increase size across (5)

SOLUTION TO No. 620
ACROSS: 6 Precipitated 7 Gazump 8 Calais 9 Keen 10 Distress 12 Screw top 16 Moll 18 Prolix 20 Sinewy 21 Bunsen burner
DOWN: 1 Sequence 2 Tipped 3 Circus 4 Bail 5 Series 6 Prate 11 Ruminant 13 Curl up 14 Taxing 15 Poseur 17 Lower 19 Lash

SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD NO 616
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ACROSS: 1 Bonsai 4 Banzai 8 Bump 9 Plethora 10 Insulting 13 Reach 15 Anima 16 Weeds 18 Egg-shaped 21 Dialogue 22 Slag 23 Mikado 24 Kimono
DOWN: 1 Bobbin 2 Namesake 3 Input 5 Autograph 6 Zoom 7 Isaiah 11 Leasehold 12 Icing 14 Acapulco 16 Wisdom 17 Adagio 19 Sleek 20 Bark

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Culprits keeping up with the Jones

Russell Kempson looks at the Wimbledon player's rivals in football's Hall of Shame

Jones, Dicks, Hurlock, Johnston, Dennis, Walsh, McDonough ... a *Who's Who* of football rogues past and present, players who have inadvertently kept the Football Association's disciplinary department in gainful employment. Where would the sport be without its *enfants terrible*?

A much better place, most would agree. "Vinnie's career at Wimbledon must be seriously threatened," Mark Lawrenson, the former Liverpool defender, said yesterday in the rumbling aftermath of Jones's latest misdemeanour. He was sent off after being cautioned twice in Wimbledon's 4-1 defeat away to Nottingham Forest on Monday, for verbally assailing Paul Alcock, the referee, and a subsequent foul on Bryan Roy, the Dutch striker.

Lawrenson, elegance personified in his playing prime, is possibly right. Jones, a former hod-carrier, has perhaps laboured his aggressive point once too often. It was the tenth sending-off in his ten-year career — the eleventh if the dismissal, later annulled, against Liverpool two months ago is included. One was incurred for butting Dave Woodhouse, an Isle of Wight postman, in a pre-season match against Shanklin in 1988.

Statistical anoraks have long given up counting Jones's bookings. As legend has it, he passed 50 last season. Yet warnings, fines and suspensions have had little effect on the tattooed warrior whose leadership qualities can prove inspirational but whose indiscretions are so often irrational.



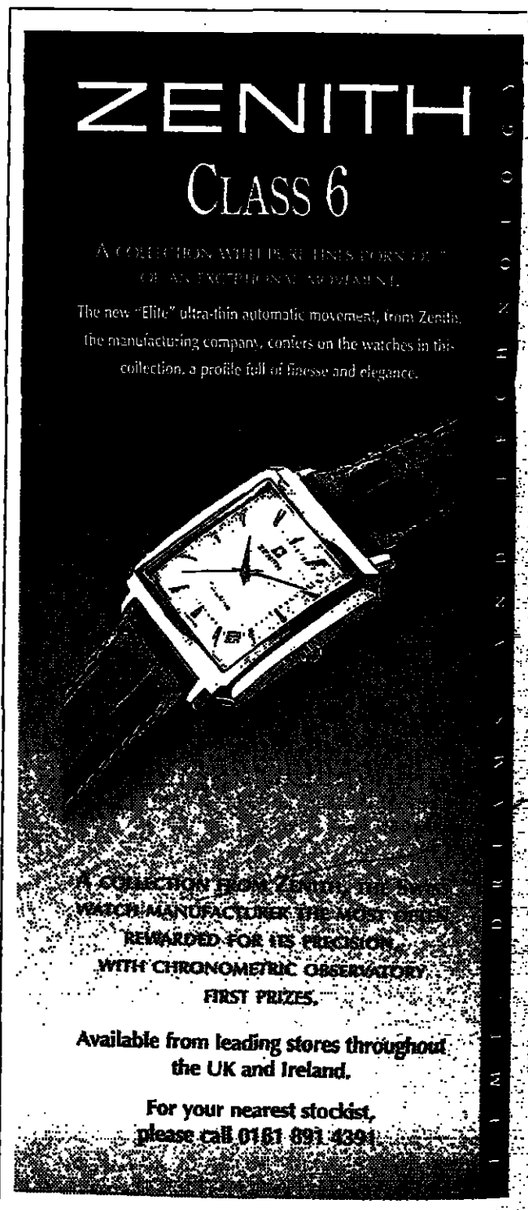
Jones: irrational

However, in football's Hall of Shame, Jones is not the worst offender. Willie Johnston, the former Rangers and Scotland winger, was sent off 15 times; Roy McDonough, 37, recently dismissed by Dagenham and Redbridge because of his disciplinary record, has made the lonely walk 13 times; Mark Dennis, the former Birmingham City defender, was dismissed 12 times and received 64 cautions.

Terry Hurlock, now of Fulham, was fined £350 and suspended for six weeks for reaching 51 disciplinary points last season; Steve Walsh, of Leicester City, has amassed 11 sendings-off in 14 years; and, of course, there is Julian Dicks, the shaven-headed West Ham United full back who is about to begin a three-match ban after being found guilty of stamping on John Spencer, the Chelsea striker. Time to contemplate, perhaps, on his motley collection of nine dismissals and 55 bookings in 11 seasons, and the apparent injustice of it all.

Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon managing director, announced yesterday that the club may appeal against Jones's latest dismissal. He also reiterated his claims of Wimbledon's "victimisation" at the hands of match officials, and called for an FA investigation into the matter.

Though bordering on paranoia, Hammam's emotions are genuine and born of a long-held "them against us" mentality. Jones represents him and his beliefs on the pitch and, thus, should be defended in his frequent hours of need. Is it not time, though, for reality to replace loyalty?



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